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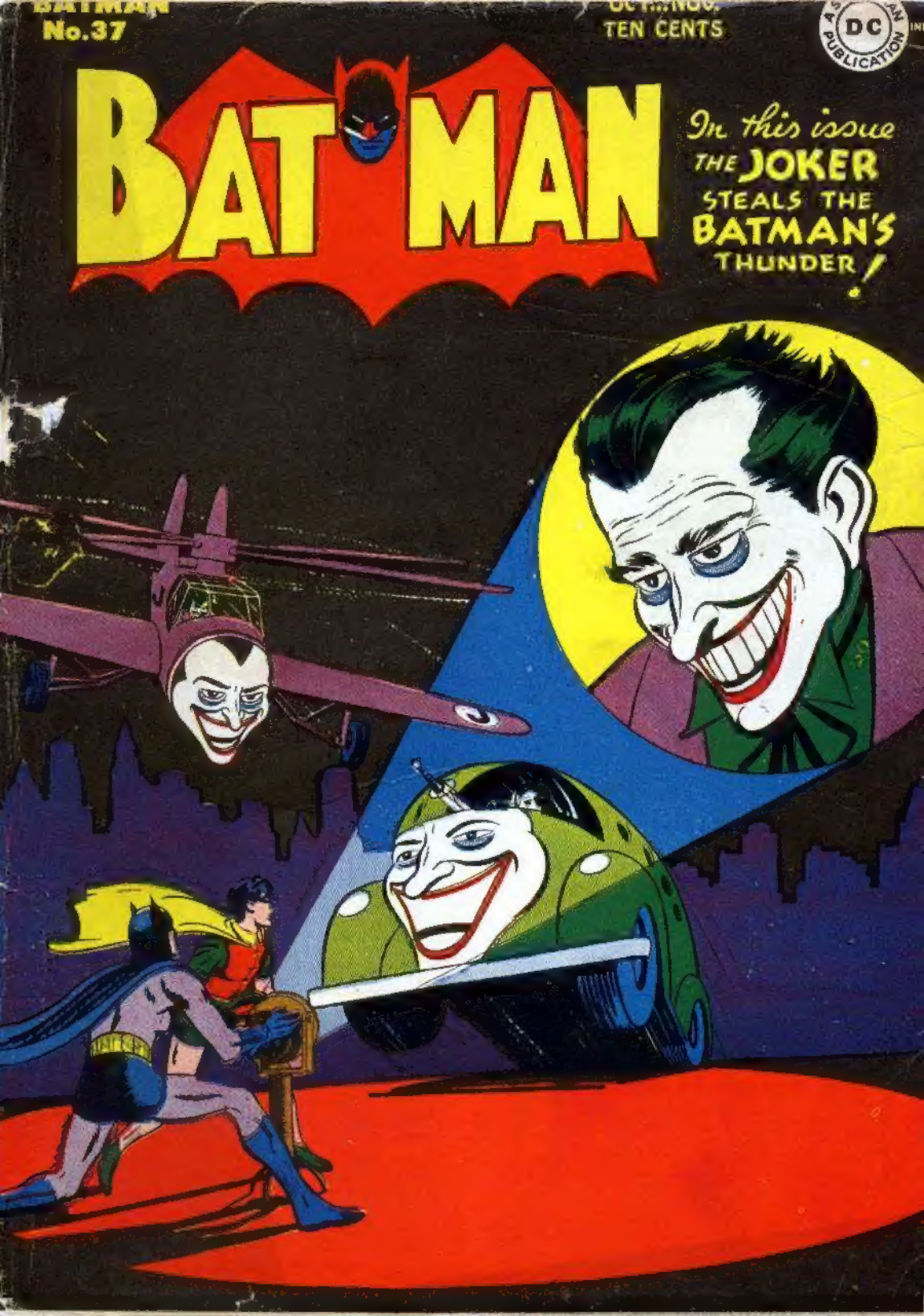

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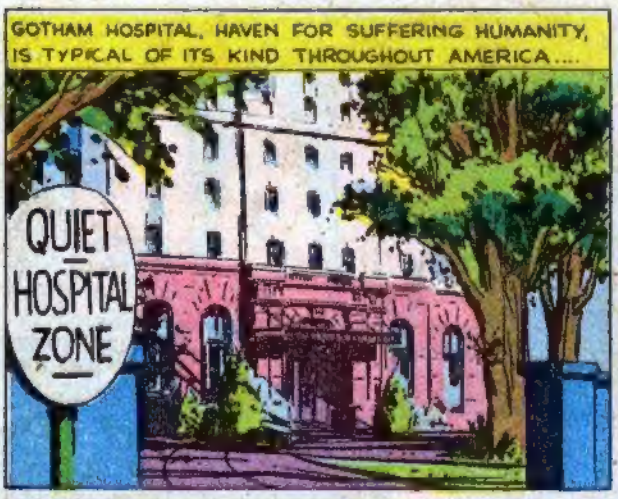
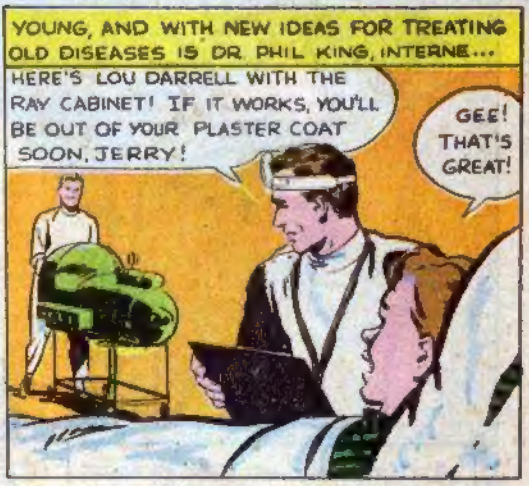
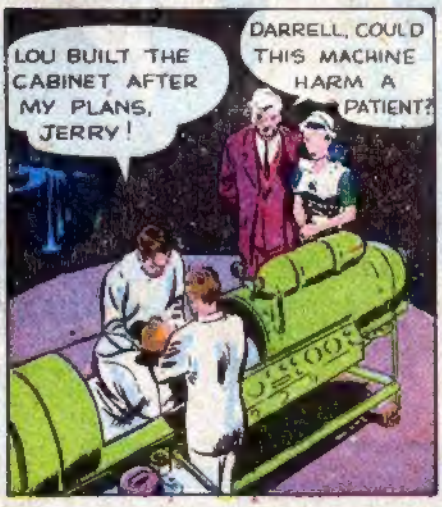
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
BOB KANE
A HOSPITAL-HUSHED THEATER WHERE THE DRAMA OF LIFE AND DEATH PLAYS A CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE-SHADOWY STAGE WHERE LAUGHTER ECHOES AGAINST A BACKDROP OF TRAGEDY-A SHUT-IN WORLD WITH A HEART AND SOUL REFLECTING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO STAFF IT AND THOSE WHO LIE IN ITS BEDS! AND VERY HUMAN ARE ALL OF THESE, FROM THE ABLEST SURGEON TO THE HUMBLEST PATIENT—AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PROVES IN—
"CALLING DR. BATMAN!"

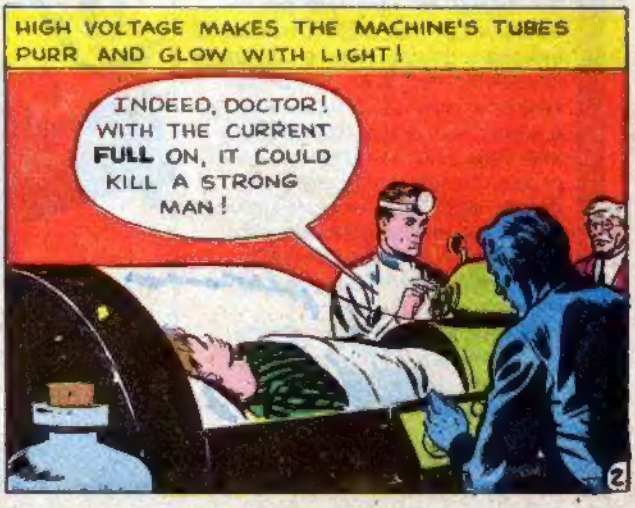

GOTHAM HOSPITAL, HAVEN FOR SUFFERING HUMANITY, IS TYPICAL OF ITS KIND THROUGHOUT AMERICA....
QUIET HOSPITAL ZONE

AND DR. AVERY BURTON, ITS CHIEF, IS TYPICAL OF ALL MEDICAL MEN WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO HELP OTHERS....
TODAY, DR. KING WILL TRY OUT HIS NEW RADIOTHERAPY MACHINE ON LITTLE JERRY MARSHALL, DR. BURTON!
FINE, NOREEN! IF IT WORKS, IT WILL SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES!

NURSE NOREEN O'DAY IS ONE OF THE BEST-LOVED NURSES IN THE HOSPITAL!
READ US A STORY, PLEASE!
HI, KIDS! I'LL BE BACK SOON!
LOOK, MISS NOREEN- I'M ALMOST WELL!


YOUNG, AND WITH NEW IDEAS FOR TREATING OLD DISEASES IS DR. PHIL KING, INTERNE...
HERE'S LOU DARRELL WITH THE RAY CABINET! IF IT WORKS, YOU'LL BE OUT OF YOUR PLASTER COAT SOON, JERRY!
GEE! THAT'S GREAT!

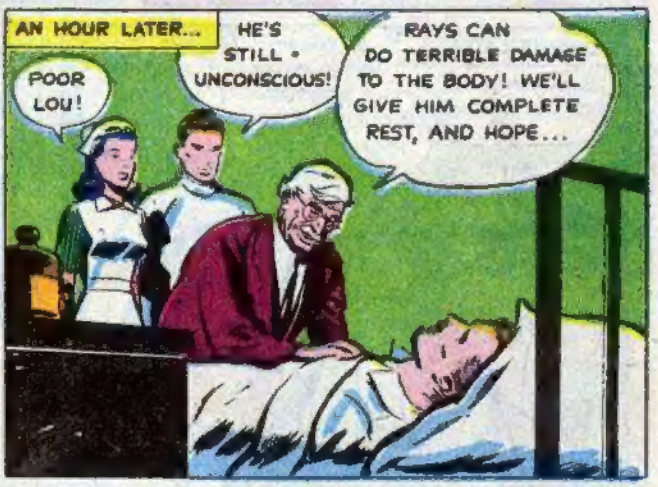

LOU BUILT THE CABINET AFTER MY PLANS, JERRY!
DARRELL, COULD THIS MACHINE HARM A PATIENT?


HIGH VOLTAGE MAKES THE MACHINE'S TUBES PURR AND GLOW WITH LIGHT!
INDEED, DOCTOR! WITH THE CURRENT **FULL** ON, IT COULD KILL A STRONG MAN!

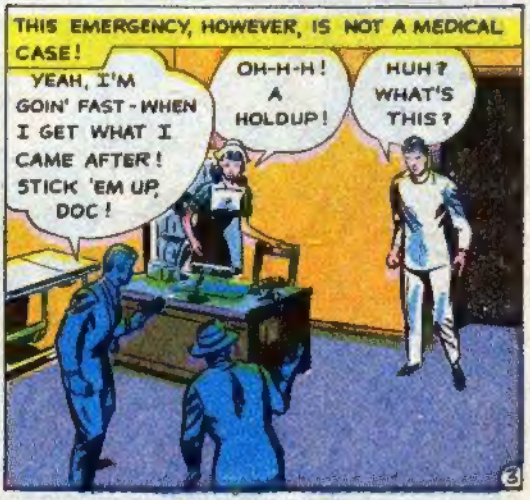
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
I FEEL SO WARM AND TINGLY!
THAT MEANS YOU'RE GETTING BETTER! THE MACHINE IS A SUCCESS!
OH, PHIL- I MEAN, DR. KING- IT WORKS!

CONGRATULATIONS, KING! A FEW CURES WITH THIS AND YOU'LL BE FAMOUS! THEN, I SUPPOSE YOU'LL MARRY NOREEN!
WELL-
I-I'M DIZZY!
HAVE I NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT?

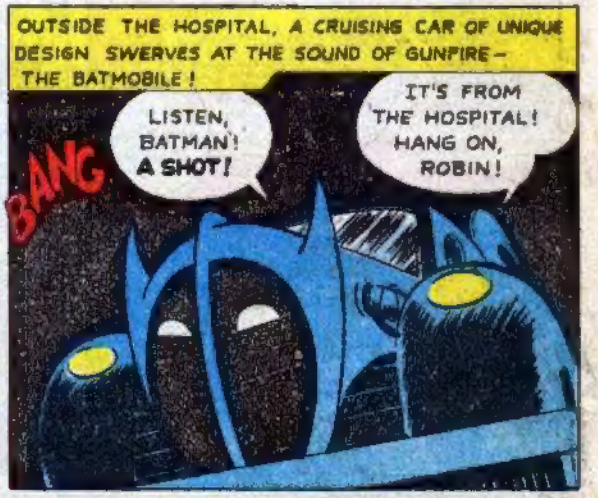
SUDDENLY...
OH-H-H-H-H
DARRELL'S COLLAPSED! TOO MUCH EXPOSURE TO THOSE RAYS IN HIS EXPERIMENTS!

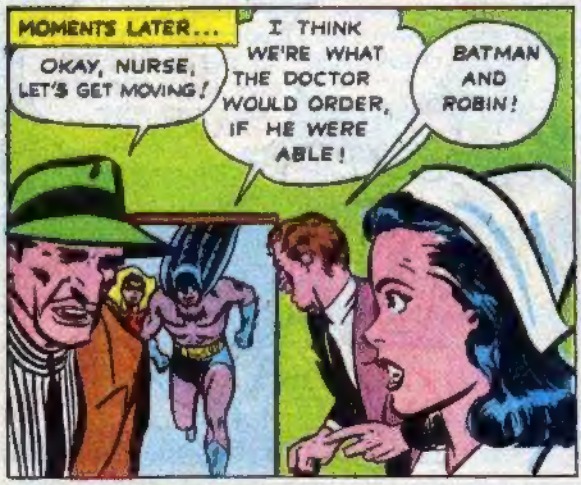

AN HOUR LATER...
POOR LOU!
HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS!
RAYS CAN DO TERRIBLE DAMAGE TO THE BODY! WE'LL GIVE HIM COMPLETE REST, AND HOPE...

YES, DOCTORS ARE AS APT TO BE STRICKEN AS ANYONE! BUT THEIR CO-WORKERS CARRY ON..
HERE'S AN EMERGENCY, MISS! HE'S GOIN' FAST!
I'LL CALL DR. KING!
EMERGENCY


THIS EMERGENCY, HOWEVER, IS NOT A MEDICAL CASE!
YEAH, I'M GOIN' FAST - WHEN I GET WHAT I CAME AFTER! STICK 'EM UP, DOC!
OH-H-H! A HOLDUP!
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?

PHIL!
NOW– SHOW US THAT RADIUM VAULT, NURSE!


OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL, A CRUISING CAR OF UNIQUE DESIGN SWERVES AT THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE– THE BATMOBILE!
BANG
LISTEN, BATMAN! A SHOT!
IT'S FROM THE HOSPITAL! HANG ON, ROBIN!


MOMENTS LATER...
OKAY, NURSE, LET'S GET MOVING!
I THINK WE'RE WHAT THE DOCTOR WOULD ORDER, IF HE WERE ABLE!
BATMAN AND ROBIN!

YOU'LL BE EMERGENCY CASES WHEN I FINISH!

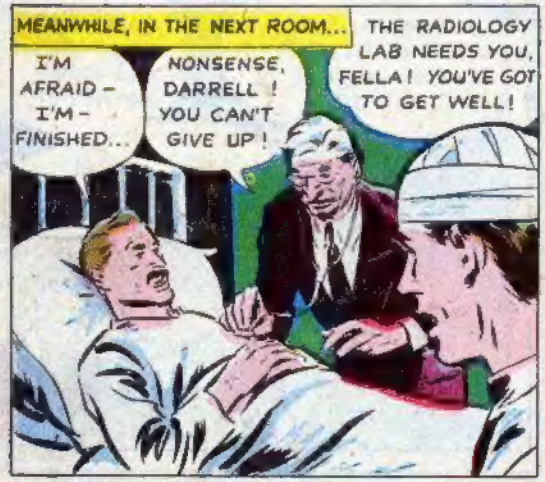
DROP THAT GUN! ...UGH!
HEY, BRAT, YA SPOILED MY AIM!

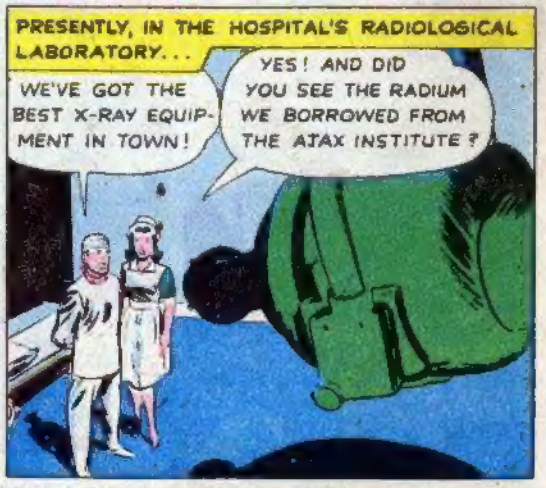
WE'LL GET YOU FIXED UP, BATMAN!
NO, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT! GIVE ME YOUR ARM...
PHIL'S ONLY STUNNED! I'LL CALL DR. BURTON!

LEANING ON HIS YOUNG PAL, BATMAN LIMPS TO THE BATMOBILE — THEN...
KNEE SMASHED BY THAT BULLET... BUT CAN'T GO TO THE HOSPITAL AS BATMAN! DRIVE HOME — CHANGE CLOTHES...UH-H-H..
HE'S FAINTED!
LATER...
YOU'RE A GOOD DOCTOR, NOREEN! I FEEL WELL ALREADY!
THAT'S GOOD BECAUSE THE AMBULANCE IS BRINGING IN THAT PLAYBOY, BRUCE WAYNE! HE'S HURT HIS KNEE!
WHAT HAPPENED, SON?
HE SHOT HIMSELF — WHILE CLEANING A GUN!
SORRY, GRAYSON, BUT I'LL HAVE TO OPERATE. THE BONES ARE SMASHED!
HE CAN'T BE CRIPPLED! YOU MUST FIX HIM UP!
DAWN...AND IN THE OPERATING ROOM A GRIM BATTLE IS FOUGHT...
SCALPEL.. SPONGE...
WHILE, OUTSIDE THE DOOR, THE BATMAN'S PAL KEEPS AN ANXIOUS VIGIL!
THEY SAID HE MIGHT BE LAME FOR LIFE! OH, PLEASE — LET THE OPERATION BE A SUCCESS!

THAT AFTERNOON...
YOU'LL BE HERE SEVERAL WEEKS!
DON'T WORRY, FELLA! THINK OF THE GRAND REST I'LL HAVE, AND WITH MISS O'DAY ATTENDING ME!
MAYBE YOU CAN REST—BUT I CAN'T UNTIL I'VE FIGURED OUT SOMETHING!

HOW IS IT THAT BATMAN IS SHOT IN THE LEG AND RUNS AWAY AND LATER YOU SHOW UP WITH A SIMILAR WOUND?
HEAR THAT, DICK? SHE THINKS I'M BATMAN! HA, HA, HA, HA!
OH, OH—NOT SO GOOD!


MEANWHILE, IN THE NEXT ROOM...
I'M AFRAID—I'M—FINISHED...
NONSENSE, DARRELL! YOU CAN'T GIVE UP!
THE RADIOLOGY LAB NEEDS YOU, FELLA! YOU'VE GOT TO GET WELL!


PRESENTLY, IN THE HOSPITAL'S RADIOLOGICAL LABORATORY...
WE'VE GOT THE BEST X-RAY EQUIPMENT IN TOWN!
YES! AND DID YOU SEE THE RADIUM WE BORROWED FROM THE ATAX INSTITUTE?

THE RADIUM—IT'S GONE!
IMPOSSIBLE! I LOCKED IT IN THE SAFE AFTER I GAVE THAT TREATMENT TO JERRY YESTERDAY.

THOSE CROOKS DIDN'T STEAL IT, BECAUSE THEY NEVER GOT THIS FAR!
PHIL, UNLESS WE FIND IT, GOTHAM HOSPITAL WILL HAVE TO CLOSE!

RADIUM IS PRICELESS BECAUSE OF ITS RARITY, AND INVALUABLE BECAUSE NOTHING ELSE CAN CURE CERTAIN TERRIBLE DISEASES OF MAN!

I LOCKED THE SAFE - AND ONLY YOU TWO DOCTORS AND I KNOW THE COMBINATION!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND IT! WE COULD NEVER RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR THE RADIUM!

RUINED! MY DREAM OF MAKING GOTHAM HOSPITAL A GREAT BENEFACTOR OF MANKIND SHATTERED!

CHEER UP, SIR! YOU TAUGHT US HOW TO FACE CRISES, AND WE'LL STAND BY YOU IN THIS ONE!

NO ONE COULD HAVE SMUGGLED IT OUT IN ITS 60-POUND LEAD CASE! WE'LL SEARCH THE PREMISES.

I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

DAYS PASS...AND AS BRUCE WAYNE'S KNEE MENDS, HE BECOMES AWARE OF THE TENSION AROUND HIM...

MAY I GO FOR A RUN IN THE PARK, DOC?

OF COURSE... HUH? WHAT AM I SAYING? OF COURSE **NOT**! MY MIND WAS ON SOMETHING ELSE!

WHY IS EVERYONE SO WORRIED, NURSE? DO THEY STILL THINK I'M BATMAN?

BATMAN! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF HIM BEFORE! UH-NO, NO ONE THINKS YOU'RE ANYONE EXCEPT BRUCE WAYNE, MR. WAYNE!

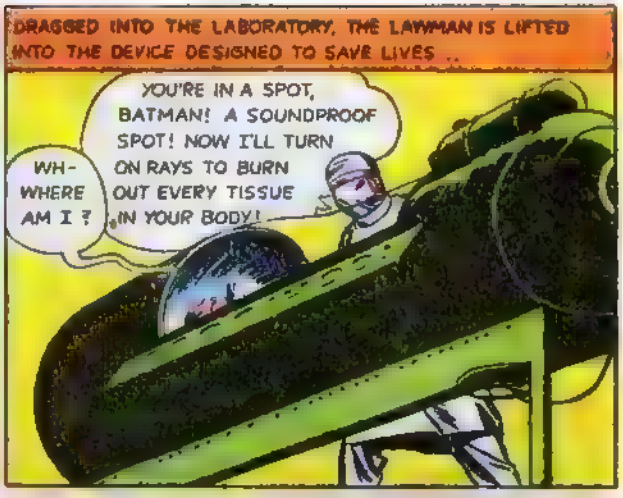
SOMETHING'S WRONG AROUND HERE, DICK! BUT I CAN'T FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!

IF IT'S TROUBLE — I'M SPOILING FOR ACTION!

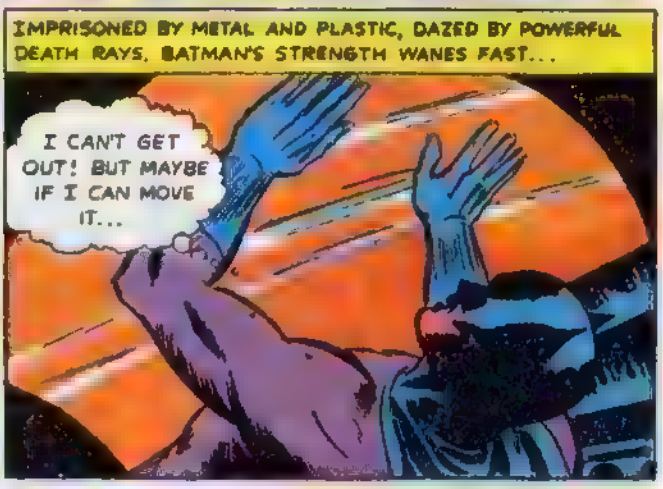
THAT NIGHT, FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS, A SEARCHLIGHT PAINTS THE EERIE BAT SYMBOL AGAINST THE SKY!
AND BRUCE WAYNE, LYING SLEEPLESS, CANNOT ANSWER THE CALL FOR HELP!
BLAST THIS BAD LEG! I CAN'T HELP THE COMMISSIONER THIS TIME!
MINUTES LATER...
I SAW THE SIGNAL AND CALLED GORDON—AND GUESS WHERE THE CASE IS? RIGHT HERE IN GOTHAM HOSPITAL!
ROBIN!
MY BATMAN COSTUME IS IN THE FALSE BOTTOM OF MY BAG—AND THIS SAW FROM MY UTILITY BELT WILL CUT THE CAST!
BUT IF YOU BREAK YOUR KNEE AGAIN, THEY'LL FIND OUT BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN!
BUT THE BATMAN RISKS ALL TO ANSWER THE URGENT SUMMONS!
YOUR IDEA ABOUT BATMAN WAS GOOD, NOREEN, BUT HE WON'T SHOW UP!
WANT TO BET, DR BURTON?
PRESENTLY—
WE'RE PRETTY SURE IT WAS AN INSIDE JOB AND THAT THE RADIUM'S STILL HERE, BUT WE CAN'T FIND IT!
THE GOOD WORK YOU DO MUST NOT STOP! I'LL DO MY BEST!

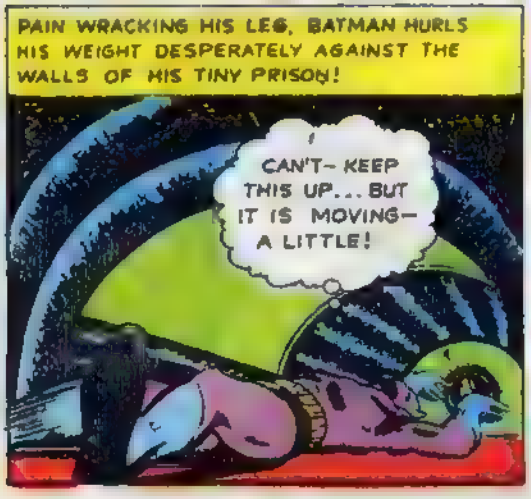
TELL THE PATIENTS I'M HERE WORKING ON A CASE, SO THEY WON'T BE ALARMED. I'LL BEGIN IN THE LAB...
LEAVING ROBIN TO WATCH BELOW, BATMAN ASCENDS TO THE TOP FLOOR. .
THIS IS THE ONLY PART OF THE HOSPITAL THAT IS DESERTED AT NIGHT!
THEN, SUDDENLY, A FIGURE IN WHITE MOVES SILENTLY DOWN THE HALL
WHO WOULD BE GOING INTO THE RADIOLOGICAL LAB AT THIS HOUR?
NEXT MOMENT .
CAUGHT IN THE ACT, BATMAN! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SNOOPING!
CLICK
WHAT- MY LEGS. . WEAK
DID YOU SEE BATMAN CLICK THE SHUTTER OF THE X-RAY CAMERA WITH HIS ELBOW?
THE MASKED MAN FLEES INTO THE OPERATING ROOM – WITH BATMAN LIMPING IN PURSUIT!
KEEP AWAY FROM ME, OR I'LL KILL YOU!
NOT UNTIL I'VE UNMASKED YOU!
YOU RAT IN HUMANITARIAN'S CLOTHING!
I WARNED YOU!

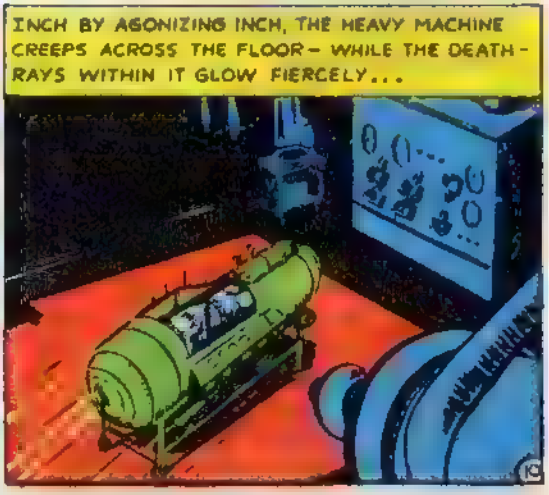
BUT AGAIN BATMAN'S WOUNDED LEG GIVES WAY – AND BEFORE HE CAN RECOVER...
AAA – AA
THIS IS YOUR LAST CASE, BATMAN!

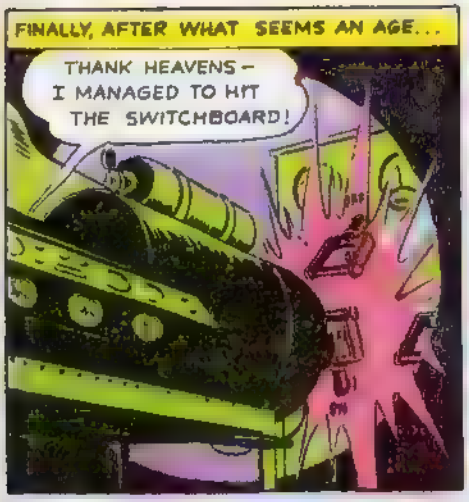

DRAGGED INTO THE LABORATORY, THE LAWMAN IS LIFTED INTO THE DEVICE DESIGNED TO SAVE LIVES ..
WH-WHERE AM I ?
YOU'RE IN A SPOT, BATMAN! A SOUNDPROOF SPOT! NOW I'LL TURN ON RAYS TO BURN OUT EVERY TISSUE IN YOUR BODY!

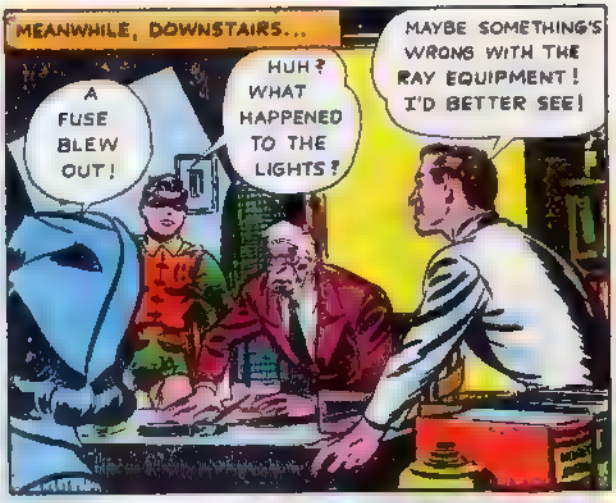
NOW I'M SAFE! AND NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER SUSPECT THE TRUTH!


IMPRISONED BY METAL AND PLASTIC, DAZED BY POWERFUL DEATH RAYS, BATMAN'S STRENGTH WANES FAST...
I CAN'T GET OUT! BUT MAYBE IF I CAN MOVE IT...

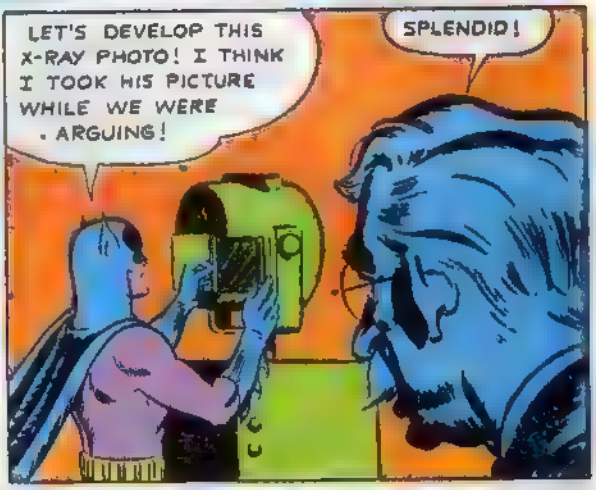

PAIN WRACKING HIS LEG, BATMAN HURLS HIS WEIGHT DESPERATELY AGAINST THE WALLS OF HIS TINY PRISON!
CAN'T– KEEP THIS UP... BUT IT IS MOVING– A LITTLE!

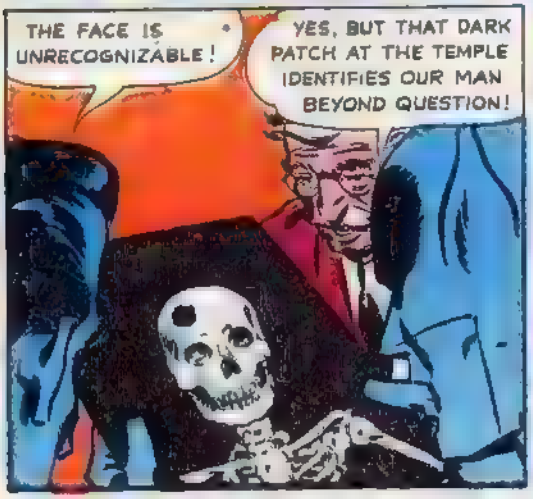

INCH BY AGONIZING INCH, THE HEAVY MACHINE CREEPS ACROSS THE FLOOR– WHILE THE DEATH-RAYS WITHIN IT GLOW FIERCELY...

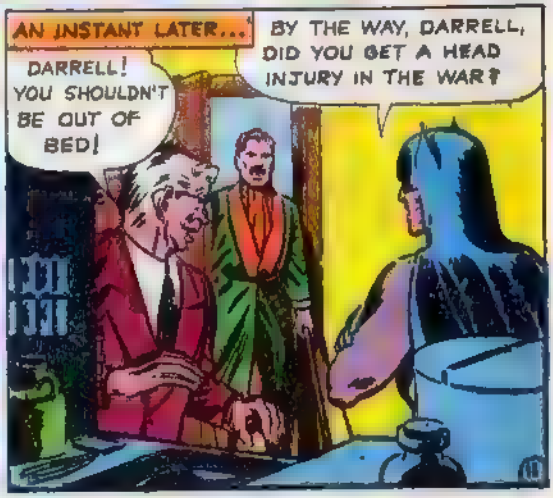

FINALLY, AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN AGE...
THANK HEAVENS — I MANAGED TO HIT THE SWITCHBOARD!


MEANWHILE, DOWNSTAIRS...
A FUSE BLEW OUT!
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?
MAYBE SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE RAY EQUIPMENT! I'D BETTER SEE!

SO, TO A LONG LIST OF NARROW ESCAPES, THE BATMAN ADDS ANOTHER!
YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE, WITH THOSE DIALS TURNED TO FULL POWER! WHO DID IT!
MAYBE YOU OR DR BURTON WEARING A DOCTOR'S UNIFORM AND MASK!

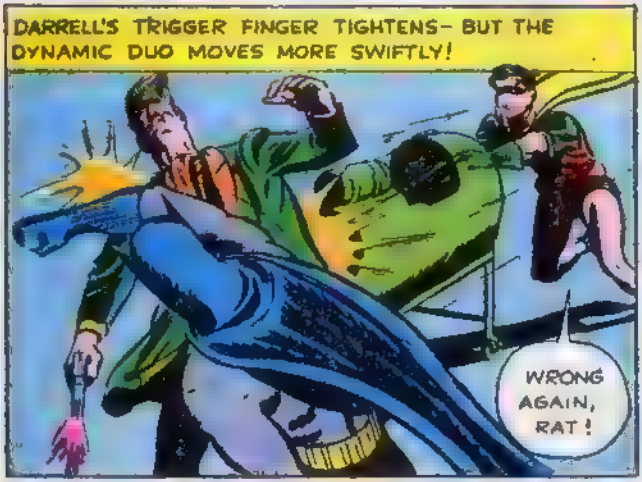

LET'S DEVELOP THIS X-RAY PHOTO! I THINK I TOOK HIS PICTURE WHILE WE WERE ARGUING!
SPLENDID!

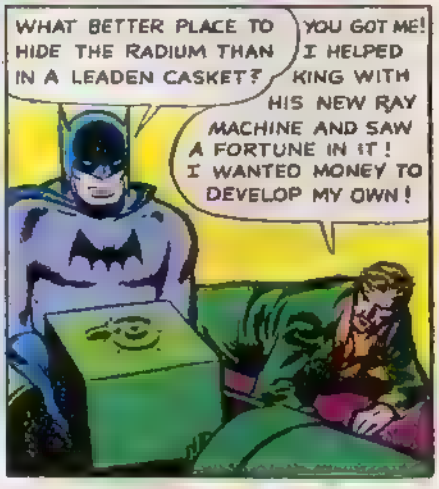

THE FACE IS UNRECOGNIZABLE!
YES, BUT THAT DARK PATCH AT THE TEMPLE IDENTIFIES OUR MAN BEYOND QUESTION!


AN INSTANT LATER...
DARRELL! YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT OF BED!
BY THE WAY, DARRELL, DID YOU GET A HEAD INJURY IN THE WAR?

NO, IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT! WHY?
AND YOU HAVE A SILVER PLATE IN YOUR HEAD — IT SHOWED ON THE X-RAY PLATE!
THEN DARRELL IS THE THIEF!

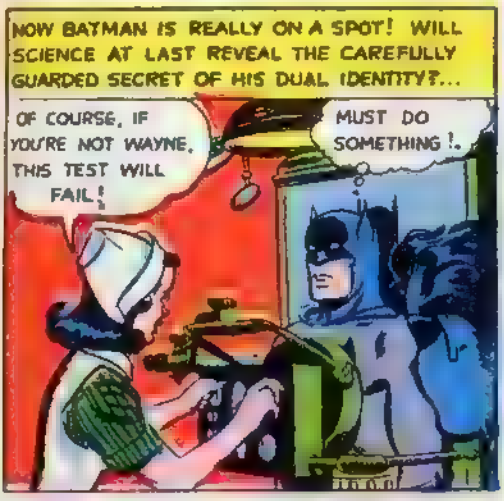
YOU STOLE THE RADIUM AND FAKED ILLNESS SO YOU WOULDN'T BE SUSPECTED! AND YOU HIRED THOSE GUNMEN TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE ROBBERY!
YOU'RE CLEVER, BATMAN, BUT YOU CAN'T OUTSMART MY BULLETS!


DARRELL'S TRIGGER FINGER TIGHTENS— BUT THE DYNAMIC DUO MOVES MORE SWIFTLY!
WRONG AGAIN, RAT!


WHAT BETTER PLACE TO HIDE THE RADIUM THAN IN A LEADEN CASKET?
YOU GOT ME! I HELPED KING WITH HIS NEW RAY MACHINE AND SAW A FORTUNE IN IT! I WANTED MONEY TO DEVELOP MY OWN!

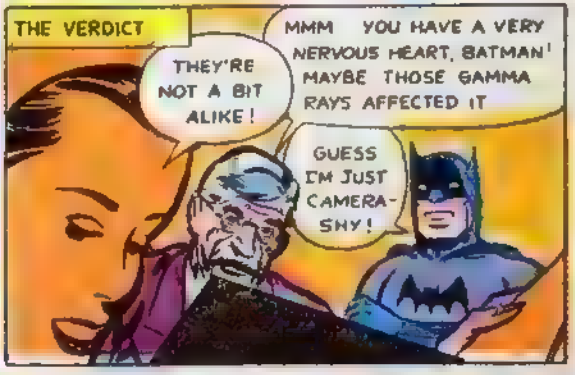
SO THE SHADOW THAT HANGS OVER GOTHAM HOSPITAL IS LIFTED— BUT ONE MORE TEST AWAITS THE MAN WHO DID THE LIFTING...
YOUR HEART-GRAPH, BATMAN— OR SHOULD I SAY BRUCE WAYNE? I FOUND YOUR ROOM EMPTY AND GUESSED YOUR SECRET!
YOU DON'T REALLY THINK I'M THAT PLAYBOY?

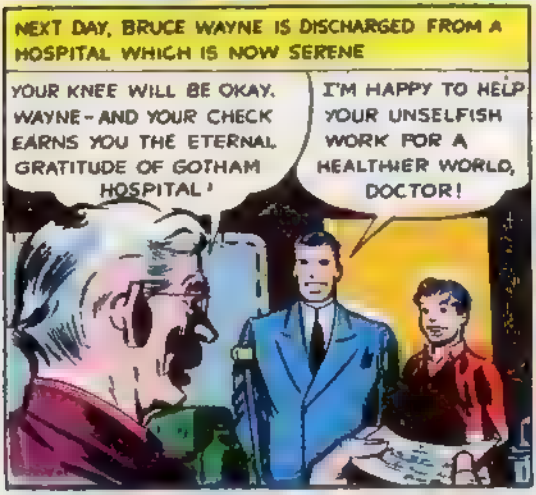
HERE'S A NEW TYPE RADIO RECORD OF WAYNE'S HEART ACTION— AS INDIVIDUAL AS FINGERPRINTS! LET ME MAKE ONE OF YOU AND COMPARE THEM!
ER—WHY NOT?
HOW WILL I GET OUT OF THIS?

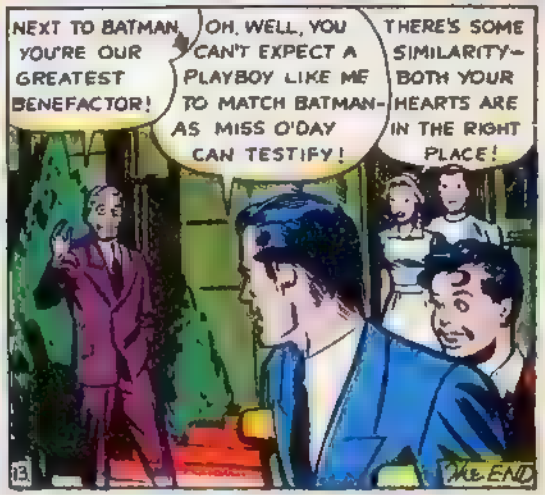

NOW BATMAN IS REALLY ON A SPOT! WILL SCIENCE AT LAST REVEAL THE CAREFULLY GUARDED SECRET OF HIS DUAL IDENTITY?...
OF COURSE, IF YOU'RE NOT WAYNE, THIS TEST WILL FAIL!
MUST DO SOMETHING!

CAN A MAN CHANGE THE PACE OF HIS HEART ACTION? BATMAN CONCENTRATES—AND RECALLS THE MOST DANGEROUS MOMENTS OF HIS LIFE!

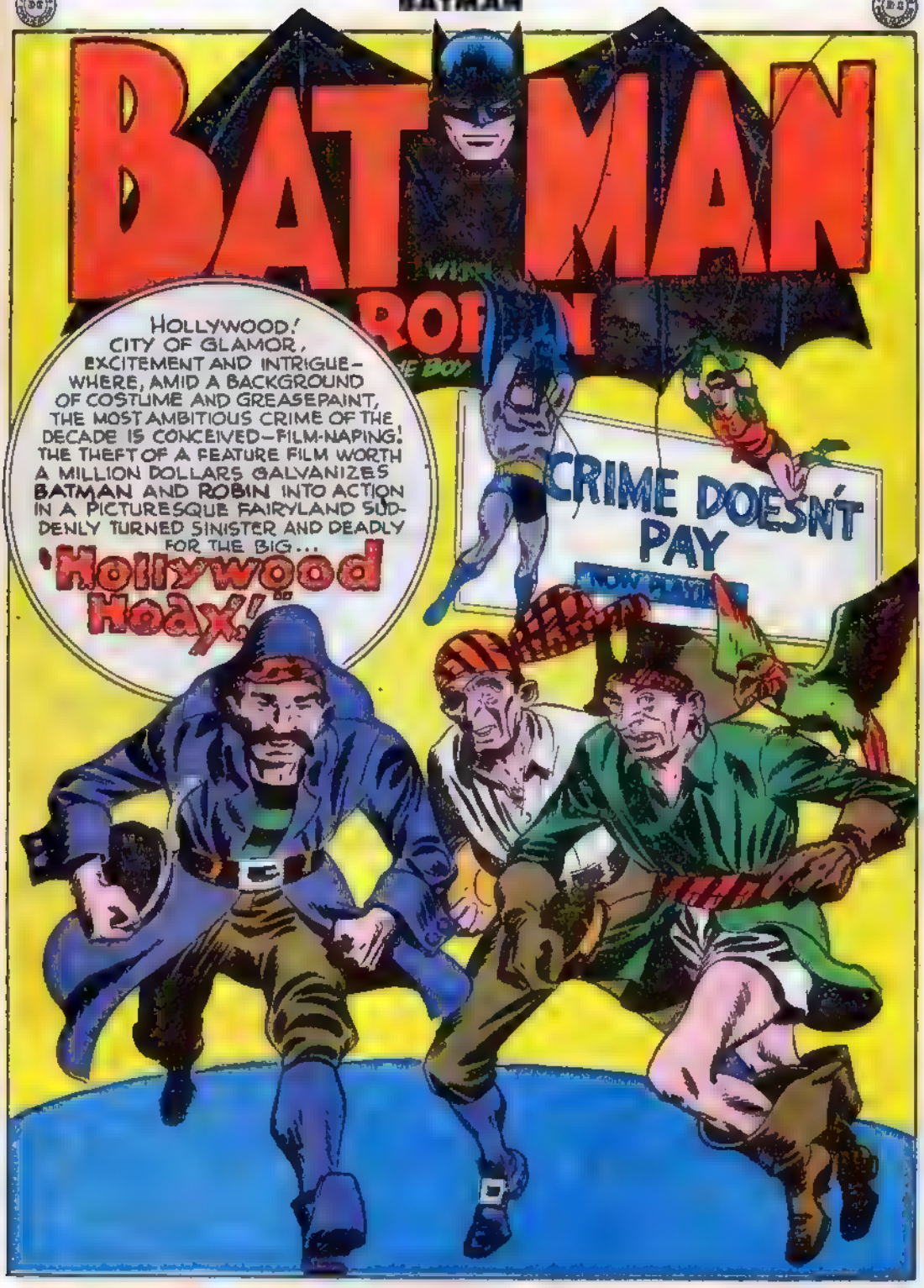
WE'LL KNOW WHEN I DEVELOP THIS!
I GUESS SHE'S GOT YOU, BATMAN! YOU'RE SWEATING!
IT'S — UH — SO WARM!


THE VERDICT
THEY'RE NOT A BIT ALIKE!
MMM YOU HAVE A VERY NERVOUS HEART, BATMAN! MAYBE THOSE GAMMA RAYS AFFECTED IT
GUESS I'M JUST CAMERA-SHY!


NEXT DAY, BRUCE WAYNE IS DISCHARGED FROM A HOSPITAL WHICH IS NOW SERENE
YOUR KNEE WILL BE OKAY, WAYNE—AND YOUR CHECK EARNS YOU THE ETERNAL GRATITUDE OF GOTHAM HOSPITAL!
I'M HAPPY TO HELP YOUR UNSELFISH WORK FOR A HEALTHIER WORLD, DOCTOR!


NEXT TO BATMAN, YOU'RE OUR GREATEST BENEFACTOR!
OH, WELL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT A PLAYBOY LIKE ME TO MATCH BATMAN—AS MISS O'DAY CAN TESTIFY!
THERE'S SOME SIMILARITY—BOTH YOUR HEARTS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE!
THE END

CASEY
THE COP
THERE'S A SWELL MOVIE PLAYING. IF I ONLY HAD THE DAY OFF!
WILDS of the WEST
HMM-IT'S RAINING!
MAYBE I WILL-- MAYBE I WON'T--
I WILL-- ONE PLEASE!
WELL, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS IN THE STREET I'M NEAR ENOUGH TO HEAR IT!
THIS WAY, SIR!
ER-ULP HELLO SARGE!


BATMAN
WITH ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
HOLLYWOOD! CITY OF GLAMOR, EXCITEMENT AND INTRIGUE—WHERE, AMID A BACKGROUND OF COSTUME AND GREASEPAINT, THE MOST AMBITIOUS CRIME OF THE DECADE IS CONCEIVED—FILM-NAPING! THE THEFT OF A FEATURE FILM WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS GALVANIZES BATMAN AND ROBIN INTO ACTION IN A PICTURESQUE FAIRYLAND SUDDENLY TURNED SINISTER AND DEADLY FOR THE BIG...
"Hollywood Hoax!"
CRIME DOESN'T PAY

SOMEWHERE IN HOLLYWOOD...
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TROUBLE WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN AROUND! I DON'T LIKE IT, BOSS!
DON'T WORRY-
HOLLYWOOD STAR
BATMAN AND ROBIN IN HOLLYWOOD
FAMOUS TEAM MAKING ANTI-CRIME MOVIE
-WE'LL SNATCH THAT "HEART'S DESIRE" FILM LIKE WE PLANNED— WITH ONE CHANGE IN OUR PLAN! LISTEN...
MEANWHILE, ON THE "CRIME DOESN'T PAY" SET...
OKAY, BOYS— REHEARSE THE SCENE ONCE MORE, THEN WE'LL SHOOT IT!
GEE, BATMAN! WE'VE ALREADY REHEARSED THIS SIX TIMES! HOW LONG CAN A BUILDING KEEP BURNING?
FOREVER, ROBIN- IN HOLLY-WOOD! COME ON- SHOW 'EM YOUR PROFILE!
AMONG THE WATCHERS ARE A REPORTER AND STEPHEN MORGAN, PRESIDENT OF MAMMOTH PICTURES...
THIS YOUR BIG PICTURE OF THE YEAR, MR. MORGAN?
YES- AND WE'RE VERY PROUD THE JUSTICE DEPART-MENT ASKED US TO MAKE IT!
HELLO, MR. LORING! I HEAR "HEART'S DESIRE", IS TERRIFIC! YOU DIRECTED IT, DIDN'T YOU?
YES... WE'RE PREVIEWING IT SOON-
QUIET! THIS IS A TAKE!
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CAMERAS! ACTION!
LET'S GET 'EM, ROBIN! YOU TAKE THE FIFTH FLOOR AND I'LL TAKE THE SIXTH!
OKAY, BATMAN!
KA-BOOM
BATMAN- DID YOU HEAR THAT?
I DID! AN EXPLOSION- AND IT WASN'T IN THE SCRIPT! LET'S INVESTIGATE!
CUT!
LOOK... SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE LAB!
CAREFUL, ROBIN! THIS LOOKS LIKE ROBBERY!
LABORATORY
WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY SLUGGED ME- BLEW OPEN THE VAULT AND STOLE THE FILM OF "HEART'S DESIRE"!
SUDDENLY...
LOOK- A BALLOON WITH A FILM CAN TIED TO IT!
THERE GOES THE FILM OF "HEART'S DESIRE!" COME ON, ROBIN- LET'S FOLLOW THAT BALLOON!
SORRY, CHIEF, WE'VE GOT TO BORROW YOUR V-8'S!
NO TIME FOR JOKES, ROBIN- WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BATPLANE- FAST!
WISE GUYS, HUH?
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WHAT A SHOT! BATMAN AND ROBIN IN REAL ACTION! WOW!!
CLEVER GAG, THAT- GETTING THE FILM OUT OF THE STUDIO BY BALLOON!
YES-BUT WE KNOW SOME TRICKS, TOO!
MEANWHILE, ON THE GROUND...
IT'LL BE A BREEZE, PUTTIN' A SLUG IN THAT CRAZY-LOOKIN' PLANE!
NEVER MIND THE PLANE! SHOOT DOWN THE BALLOON!
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US!
NOT AT US, ROBIN-AT THE BALLOON! HOLD YOUR HAT-WE'RE GOING DOWN!
OH-OH-MORE TRICKS! IT'S EMPTY!
HMM... COME ON, LET'S LOOK FOR THE GUNMAN WHO FIRED THAT SHOT!
THE SHOT CAME FROM THOSE TREES!
RIGHT! YOU CLOSE IN FROM THE LEFT AND I'LL GO RIGHT! BUT BE CAREFUL! HE'S A GOOD SHOT!

MEANWHILE, THEIR HOAX ENDED, THE THUGS LEAVE...
(PUFF) THAT'LL KEEP 'EM BUSY FOR A WHILE— BUT I STILL THINK I COULDA HIT THAT PLANE!
SHADDUP! (PUFF) ONE LUCKY SHOT AN' YA T'INK YA'RE DEAD-EYE DICK! WE'LL GET THEM CHARACTERS LATER!
HERE'RE TWO SETS OF FOOT-PRINTS!
YES, THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THEIR CAR WE HEARD! WAIT A MINUTE... WHAT'S THIS?
LOOK LIKE MAPS OR DIAGRAMS... HMM...
THEY'RE SKETCHES OF A JUNGLE AND A WATERFRONT SCENE! WONDER IF THIS IS ANOTHER TRICK?
MAYBE! BUT COME ON—LET'S GO BACK TO THE STUDIO...
LATER...
TO GET THE FILM BACK WE'LL HAVE TO PAY THE RANSOM THEY ASK FOR IN THIS NOTE!
MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY! MAY I SEE THAT NOTE?
Morgan:
If you want "Hearts Desire" back, bring 50,000 in cash to the Chesapeake Bay pier at midnight tonight!
Come alone—or the film will be destroyed!
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DON'T PAY IT, MORGAN! WE CAN GET OUR FILM BACK AND CATCH THESE CROOKS, TOO—IF BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL HELP!
WELL, TROUBLE IS OUR BUSINESS!
WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST, LORING?
LET ME TAKE THE MONEY TO THE SET TONIGHT! HAVE BATMAN AND ROBIN TRAIL ME. WHEN I REACH FOR MY HANDKERCHIEF THEY JOIN ME...
WHAT DO YOU SAY, BATMAN?
LORING'S PLAN SOUNDS GOOD! OKAY, ROBIN
ROGER!
MIDNIGHT—AND THE 20TH-CENTURY CRIME-BUSTERS KEEP A RENDEZVOUS IN AN 18TH-CENTURY SETTING...
SAY—ONE OF THOSE MAPS WE FOUND IN THE WOODS WAS A SKETCH OF THIS SET!
CORRECT! NOW—WHEN LORING SIGNALS, WE MOVE IN!
OKAY—GIMME THE DOUGH!
WHERE'S THE FILM?
GIVE US DA DOUGH!
HERE IT IS—$50,000 IN CASH! BUT—

I DON'T SEE THE FILM!
BUT THERE'S OUR SIGNAL, ROBIN! COME ON!
HERE'S WHERE YOU HOLLYWOOD PIRATES GET SENT BACK TO THE SPANISH MAIN!
IT'S BATMAN!
OKAY, BOYS... LIGHT 'EM UP!
SUDDENLY, HIGH ABOVE THE SET, HUGE KLIEG LIGHTS FLASH ON!
WITH THIS LIGHT, MY AIM CAN BE POIFECT!
THEN...
OOMPH!
THE DYNAMIC DUO USES QUICK THINKING AND LIGHTNING REFLEXES TO REDUCE THE EFFECT OF THE ACCURATELY THROWN SANDBAGS! BUT...
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
TOO CLOSE!
NOW THEY'VE GOT THE FILM AND THE MONEY! OOOH-MY STOMACH!
THEY'LL BURN THE FILM AND MORGAN WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME FOR INTERFERING. I'M RUINED...
GO HOME AND REST, LORING! WE'LL STICK AROUND... I MAY THINK OF SOMETHING...
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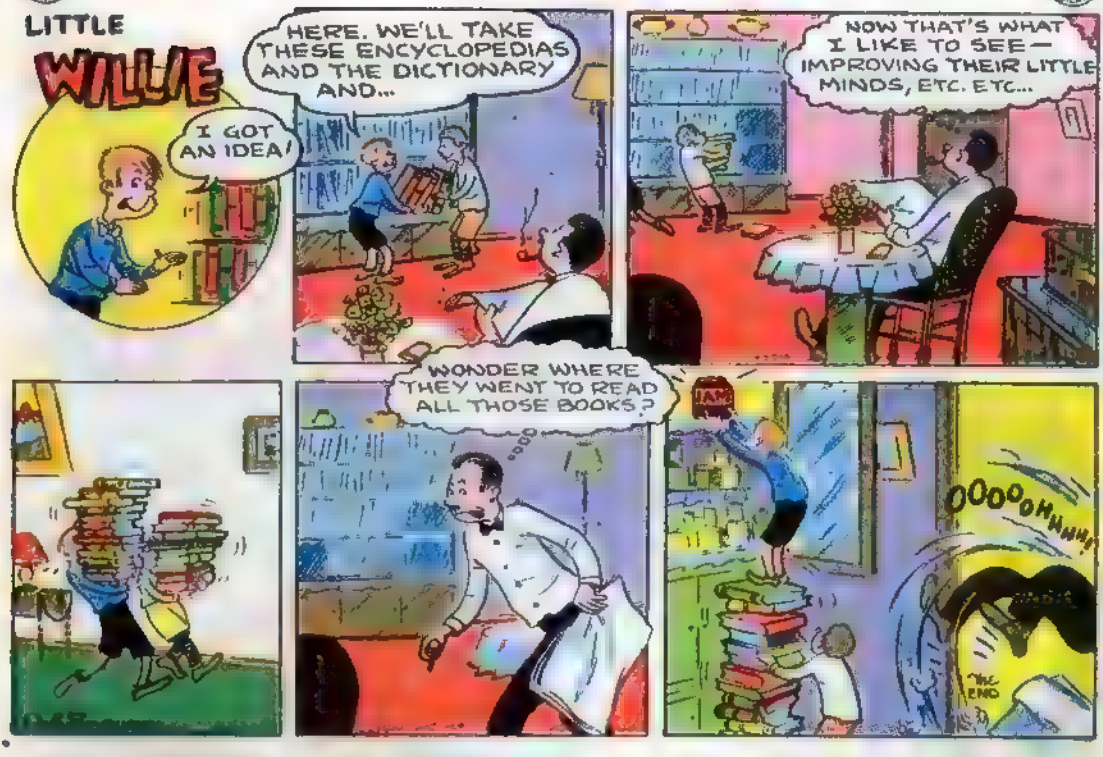
AFTER LORING LEAVES . . .
THOSE CROOKS DIDN'T BRING THE FILM.' THAT MEANS THEY KNEW WE WERE COMING.'
YOU MEAN... SOMEONE TIPPED THEM OFF?
THAT'S MY GUESS.' AND I'M SURE THE FILM IS HIDDEN IN THE STUDIO.' NOBODY'S LEFT HERE WITHOUT BEING SEARCHED, SINCE THE ROBBERY.'
LET'S VISIT THE JUNGLE SET.' I'VE GOT A HUNCH...
WHY, OF COURSE! THAT OTHER MAP.' THE JUNGLE SET—
ON THE JUNGLE SET...
WELL, WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH HERE AND NO — SAY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA.'
WE NEED ONE.' WHAT—?
THERE'S JUST ONE PLACE WE HAVEN'T SEARCHED.' LOOK OUT—I'M GOING FOR A SWIM.'
SPLASH!

IT WAS JAMMED BETWEEN TWO PILINGS, UNDER THE DOCK!
BATMAN, HOLLYWOOD NEEDS MORE IDEA MEN LIKE YOU!
A WATER-PROOF FILM CAN!
IT'S THE FILM, ALL RIGHT! LOOK!
MAMMOTH STUDIOS presents "HEART'S DESIRE" Produced by E. J. LORING
WELL—WE'VE GOT THE FILM! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BRAIN BEHIND THE FILM-NAPING?
NOW—WHO HAD THE BIGGEST INTEREST IN THE FILM?
LET'S SEE—MORGAN INVESTED THE STUDIO'S MONEY IN THE PICTURE, AND LORING DIRECTED IT—
RIGHT! COME ON INTO THAT PROJECTION ROOM!
PROJECTION ROOM #3
MINUTES PASS...
WOW—WHAT A TURKEY! LORING'S REPUTATION AS A DIRECTOR WON'T BE HELPED BY THIS! SWITCH IT OFF!
SO LORING SHOULD BE HAPPY IF THE FILM NEVER TURNS UP!

OUTSIDE AGAIN...
BUT WHY WOULD MORGAN BE ANXIOUS TO SPEND BIG MONEY TO RECOVER SUCH A FLOP? HE SHOULD BE GLAD TO GET RID OF IT!
YES— BOTH MORGAN AND LORING HAVE GOOD REASON TO WANT TO GET RID OF THE FILM...
ON THE JUNGLE SET...
SO YOU'RE BAITING A TRAP, EH?
SOMEBODY WILL COME FOR THIS FILM, AND WE'LL BE READY FOR HIM! BRING THAT MICROPHONE HERE...
RECORDING BOOTH
YOU HIDE IN THAT TREE, AND KEEP THE MIKE CLOSE ENOUGH TO PICK UP ANY VOICE OR SOUND FROM THE DOCK!
I GET IT—AND YOU'LL BE IN THE RECORDING BOOTH PICKING IT UP ON A RECORD!
RECORDING BOOTH
CAN'T SLIP UP—THERE WON'T BE ANY RETAKE ON THIS SCENE! OH-OH... HERE THEY COME!
FISH THAT FILM OUT, SLUGGSY, AND LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
YEAH, THAT BAT CHARACTER'S GONNA COME BACK! HE DON'T GIVE UP EASY!
ATTABOY, SLUGGSY— NOW WE GOTTA BURN IT!
YEAH— BUT I WONDER WHY THE CHIEF WANTS DA FILM BOINED?

MEANWHILE, IN THE RECORDING BOOTH...
ORDERS IS ORDERS, SLUGGSY— AND LORING'S DA BOSS!
AAHH— THAT'S WHAT I WANTED.
THEN, THE ROUNDUP...
ALL RIGHT, SAND-BAGGING SAM— WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
OO-O-PH!
HAVE A NICE TRIP, OLD MAN!
FINALLY...
I'LL TURN THESE BRAVE BUCCANEERS OVER TO THE STUDIO POLICE, ROBIN! YOU GET THE RECORD FROM THE RECORDING BOOTH!
OKAY, BATMAN!
NEXT DAY, IN STEPHEN MORGAN'S OFFICE...
SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT, MR. MORGAN— BUT I DID MY BEST AND SO DID BATMAN AND ROBIN!
I'M SURE YOU DID, LORING! BUT NOW WE'VE LOST THE MONEY AND THE FILM!

NO YOU HAVEN'T, MR. MORGAN! HERE'S YOUR FILM—AND WE HAVE ANOTHER PRIZE FOR YOU...
WAIT'LL YOU HEAR THIS RECORDING—I'LL PLAY IT FOR YOU!
LISTEN—
ATTABOY, SLUGGSY—NOW WE GOTTA BURN IT!----YEAH—BUT I WONDER WHY THE CHIEF WANTS DA FILM BOINED?
ORDERS IS ORDERS, SLUGGSY—AND LORING'S DA BOSS!
GET HIM, ROBIN!
HERE'S WHERE YOU DO A FADE-OUT!
THERE'S YOUR MAN, MR. MORGAN! THE STUDIO POLICE HAVE HIS ACCOMPLICES—AND YOUR MONEY!
LORING! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WEEKS LATER, MR. MORGAN TAKES HIS GOOD FRIENDS, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON, TO A BIG PREMIERE...
I'M SORRY BATMAN AND ROBIN COULDN'T MAKE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE TONIGHT!
I HEAR THEY DON'T LIKE CROWDS!
CRIME DOESN'T
STARRING
BATMAN AND
THE END


LITTLE WILLIE
I GOT AN IDEA!
HERE. WE'LL TAKE THESE ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND THE DICTIONARY AND...
NOW THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO SEE— IMPROVING THEIR LITTLE MINDS, ETC. ETC...
WONDER WHERE THEY WENT TO READ ALL THOSE BOOKS?
JAM!
OOOOOHHHHH!
THE END

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SNAKES ALIVE ..WHAT A WHOPPING PIECE YOU GET FOR A PENNY!

YOU AIN'T LION! AND EVERY PIECE IS WRAPPED IN FUNNIES!

HEY SKINNY, YOUR PANTHER FALLING DOWN!

YOU OTTER TRY FLEER'S CANDY COATED GUM, TOO!

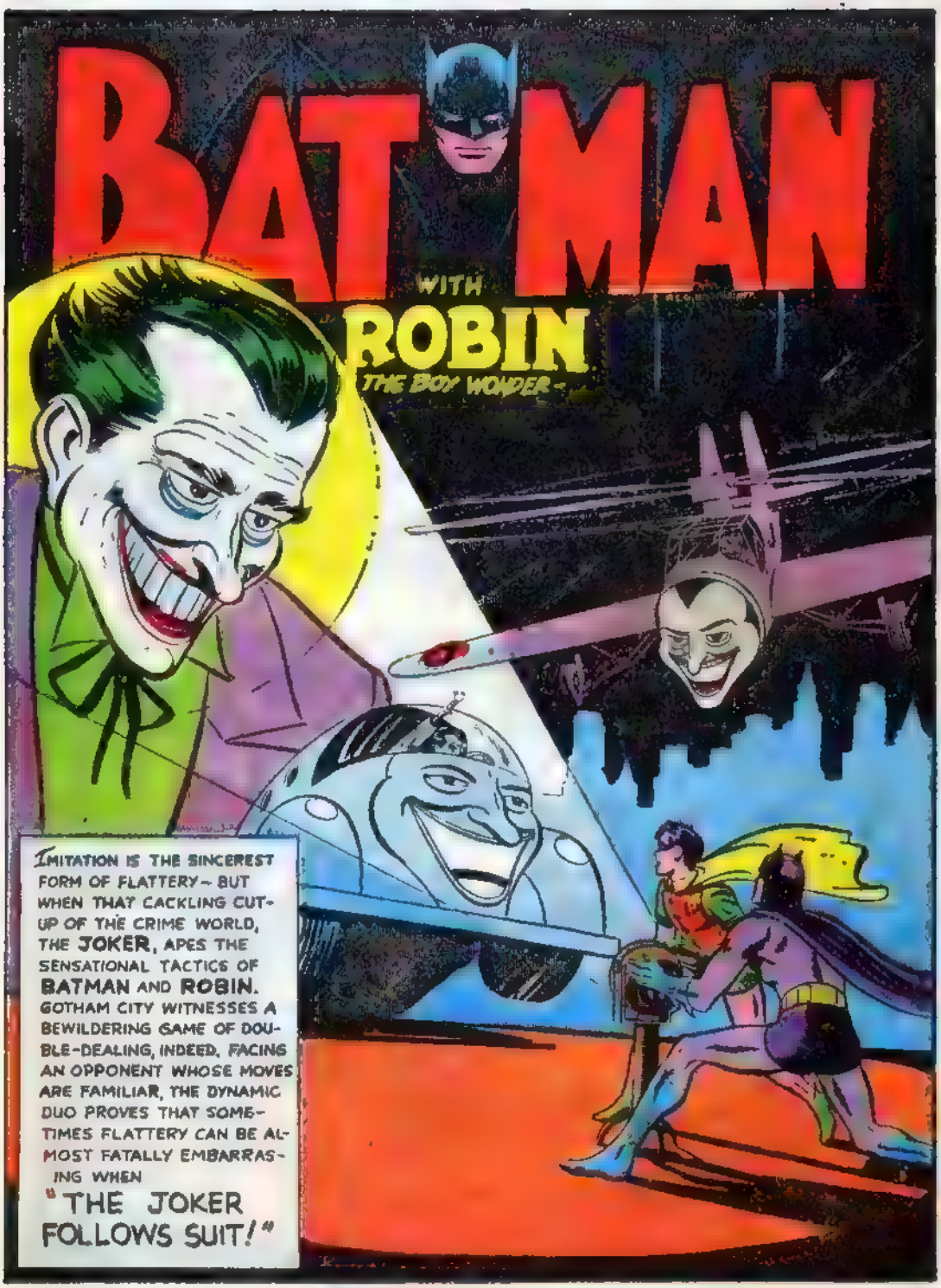
OH, DEER, YOU BOAR ME WITH SUCH PUNNY TALK!

I GOPHER DUBBLE BUBBLE BECAUSE IT MAKES BIGGER BUBBLES!

IT'S GETTING LATE... I MOOSE GO HOME NOW!

FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM

IF YOU WANT THE BEST, BE SURE TO ASK FOR DUBBLE BUBBLE


BAT MAN
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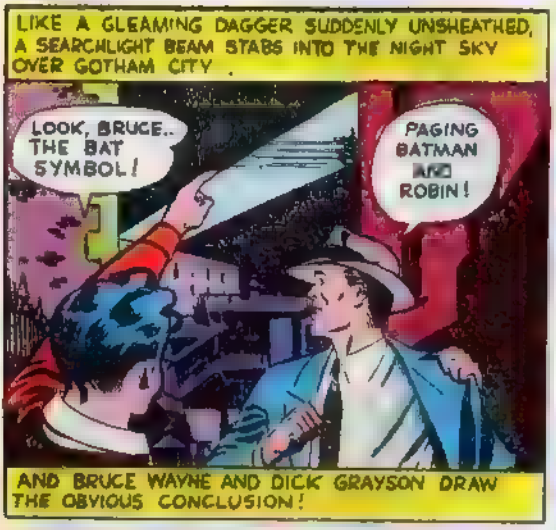
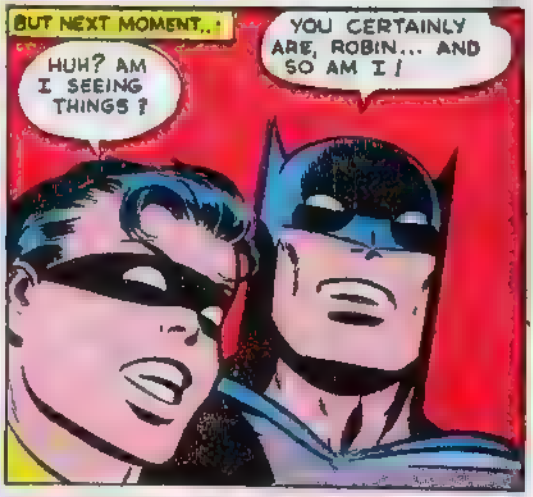
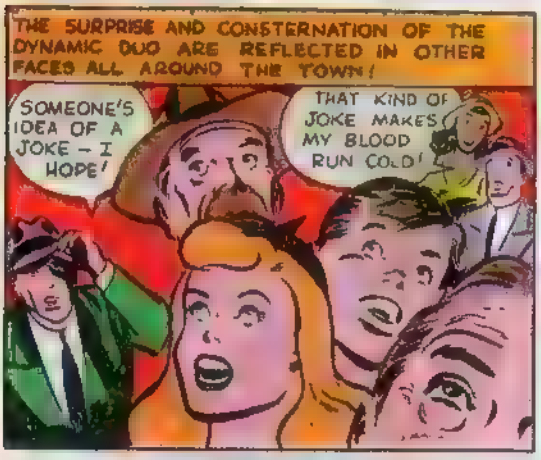
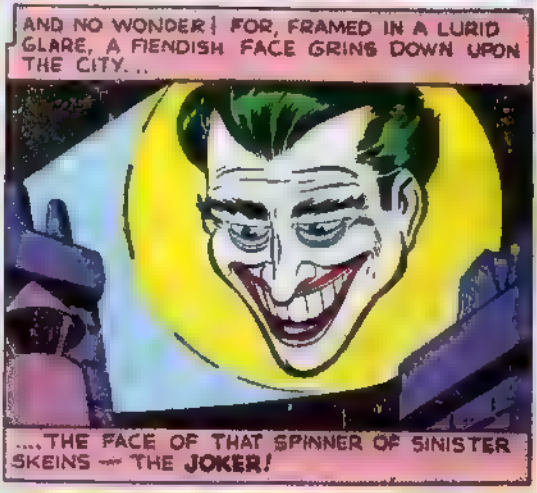
IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY – BUT WHEN THAT CACKLING CUT-UP OF THE CRIME WORLD, THE JOKER, APES THE SENSATIONAL TACTICS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN. GOTHAM CITY WITNESSES A BEWILDERING GAME OF DOUBLE-DEALING, INDEED, FACING AN OPPONENT WHOSE MOVES ARE FAMILIAR, THE DYNAMIC DUO PROVES THAT SOMETIMES FLATTERY CAN BE ALMOST FATALLY EMBARRASSING WHEN
"THE JOKER FOLLOWS SUIT!"

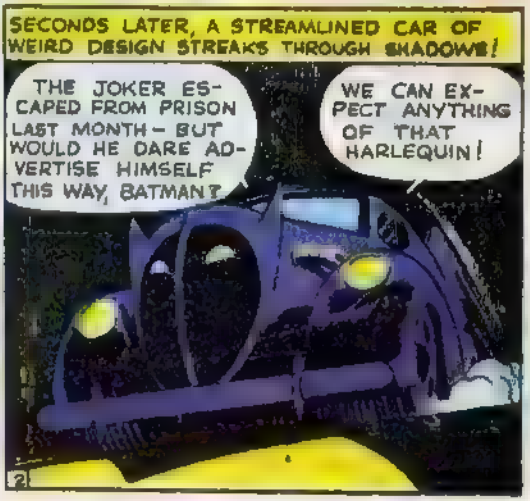

LIKE A GLEAMING DAGGER SUDDENLY UNSHEATHED, A SEARCHLIGHT BEAM STABS INTO THE NIGHT SKY OVER GOTHAM CITY .
LOOK, BRUCE.. THE BAT SYMBOL!
PAGING BATMAN AND ROBIN!
AND BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON DRAW THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION!

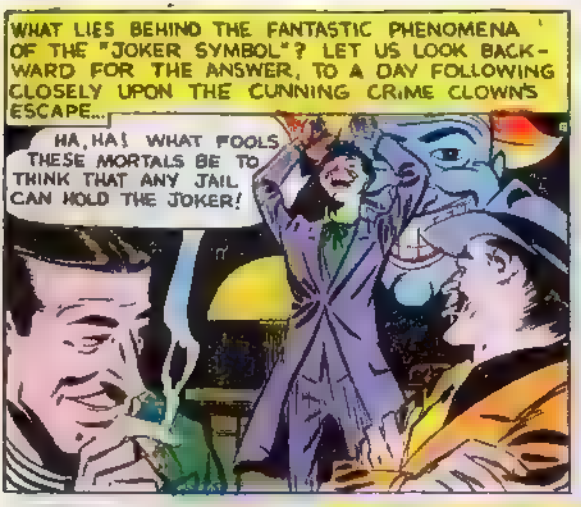

BUT NEXT MOMENT..
HUH? AM I SEEING THINGS?
YOU CERTAINLY ARE, ROBIN... AND SO AM I!

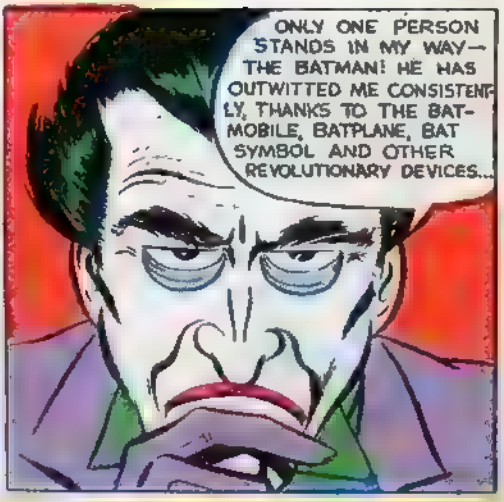

THE SURPRISE AND CONSTERNATION OF THE DYNAMIC DUO ARE REFLECTED IN OTHER FACES ALL AROUND THE TOWN!
SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A JOKE – I HOPE!
THAT KIND OF JOKE MAKES MY BLOOD RUN COLD!

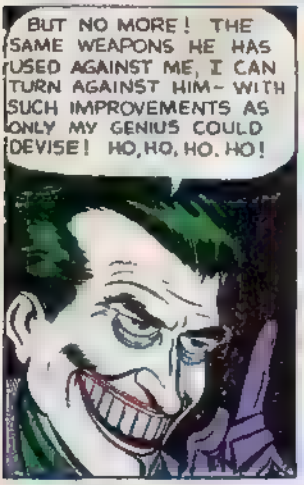

AND NO WONDER! FOR, FRAMED IN A LURID GLARE, A FIENDISH FACE GRINS DOWN UPON THE CITY..
....THE FACE OF THAT SPINNER OF SINISTER SKEINS — THE JOKER!

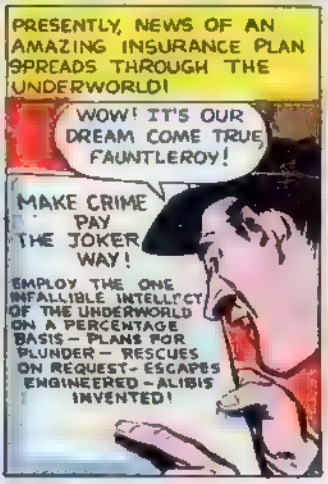
BUT WE'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM IT!
ONLY SO WE CAN GET TO THE SOURCE OF IT FASTER, FELLA! WE'LL NEED THE BATMOBILE!


SECONDS LATER, A STREAMLINED CAR OF WEIRD DESIGN STREAKS THROUGH SHADOWS!
THE JOKER ESCAPED FROM PRISON LAST MONTH – BUT WOULD HE DARE ADVERTISE HIMSELF THIS WAY, BATMAN?
WE CAN EXPECT ANYTHING OF THAT HARLEQUIN!

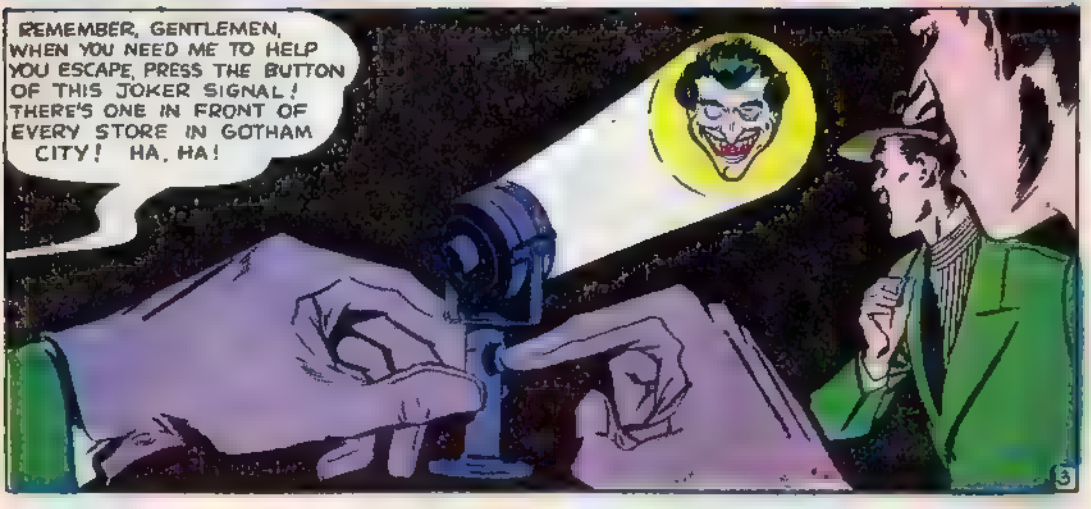

WHAT LIES BEHIND THE FANTASTIC PHENOMENA OF THE "JOKER SYMBOL"? LET US LOOK BACKWARD FOR THE ANSWER, TO A DAY FOLLOWING CLOSELY UPON THE CUNNING CRIME CLOWN'S ESCAPE...
HA, HA! WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE TO THINK THAT ANY JAIL CAN HOLD THE JOKER!


ONLY ONE PERSON STANDS IN MY WAY— THE BATMAN! HE HAS OUTWITTED ME CONSISTENTLY, THANKS TO THE BATMOBILE, BATPLANE, BAT SYMBOL AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY DEVICES...

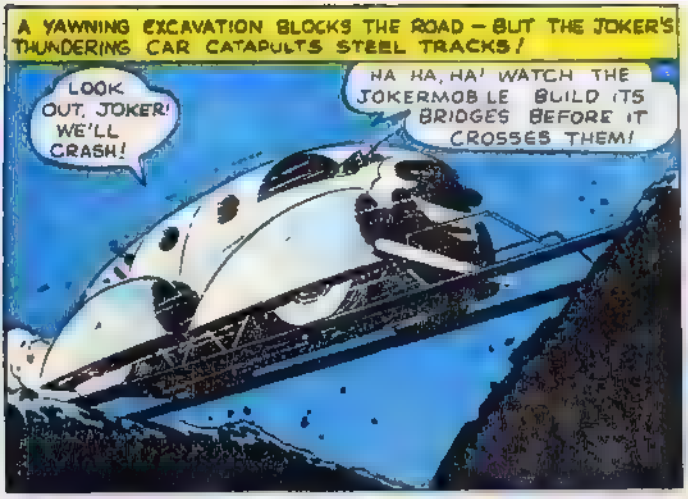

BUT NO MORE! THE SAME WEAPONS HE HAS USED AGAINST ME, I CAN TURN AGAINST HIM— WITH SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AS ONLY MY GENIUS COULD DEVISE! HO, HO, HO, HO!

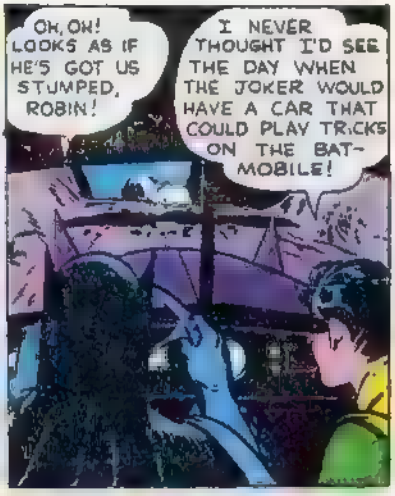

PRESENTLY, NEWS OF AN AMAZING INSURANCE PLAN SPREADS THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD!
WOW! IT'S OUR DREAM COME TRUE, FAUNTLEROY!
MAKE CRIME PAY THE JOKER WAY!
EMPLOY THE ONE INFALLIBLE INTELLECT OF THE UNDERWORLD ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS— PLANS FOR PLUNDER— RESCUES ON REQUEST— ESCAPES ENGINEERED— ALIBIS INVENTED!

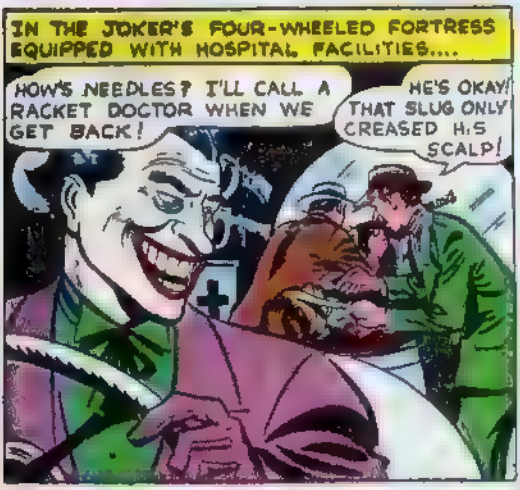
GANG CHIEFTAINS AND LONE-WOLF OPERATORS FLOCK TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SLY SCHEMER!
PLAN ME A MILLYUN-DOLLAR JOB, JOKER!
I WANT YOUR EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICE!
ONE AT A TIME, GENTLEMEN! JUST SIGN THE CONTRACTS!
ME, TOO!

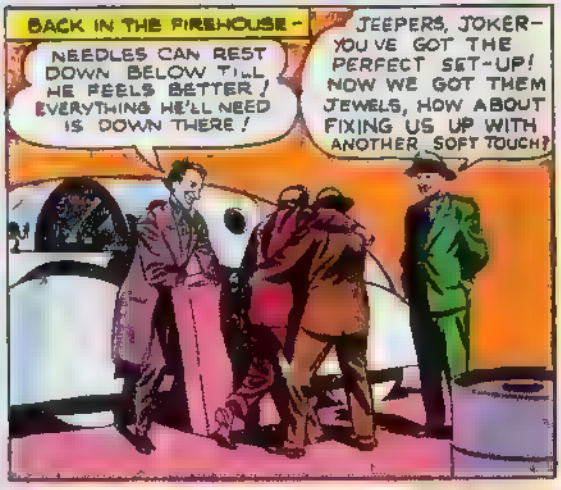

REMEMBER, GENTLEMEN, WHEN YOU NEED ME TO HELP YOU ESCAPE, PRESS THE BUTTON OF THIS JOKER SIGNAL! THERE'S ONE IN FRONT OF EVERY STORE IN GOTHAM CITY! HA, HA!

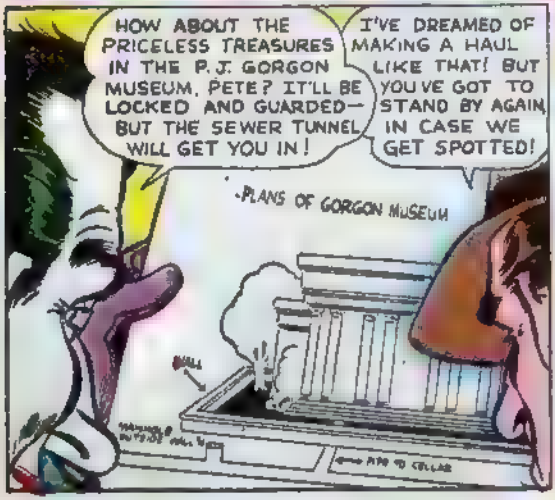
SO IT IS THAT, RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, WE FIND AN OBSERVER IN THE WATCHTOWER OF AN ABANDONED FIREHOUSE, HEEDING THE STRANGE SIGNAL!
THE JOKER SYMBOL! I GUESS SOME OF MY CLIENTS ARE IN NEED OF MY EMERGENCY AID FOR OUTLAWS!
IF THE BATMAN COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW, SPEEDING TO THE RESCUE IN MY JOKERMOBILE! HO, HO, HO!
JUDGING BY THE LOCATION, PETE THE PLUMBER AND HIS BOYS ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THAT JEWELRY STORE JOB I MAPPED FOR THEM!
YES, INDEED— PETE THE PLUMBER AND HIS PALS ARE HAVING MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR!
THEY GOT NEEDLES, PETE!
THEY'LL GET US, TOO, SMOKY, IF THE JOKER DOESN'T SHOW UP IN A HURRY!
SUDDENLY
HEY! I OUGHTA PINCH YOU FOR RECKLESS DRIVING!
OKAY, PETE — BRING YOUR CASUALTIES AND YOUR LOOT ALONG! ESPECIALLY THE LOOT!
Jewelr
A SPLIT SECOND TOO LATE, THE BATMOBILE REACHES THE SCENE!
THAT SHOULD BE EASY! THERE'S A SEWER DITCH RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET HALF A BLOCK AHEAD!
BATMAN! IT'S THE JOKER WITH PETE THE PLUMBER'S MOB! GET THEM!

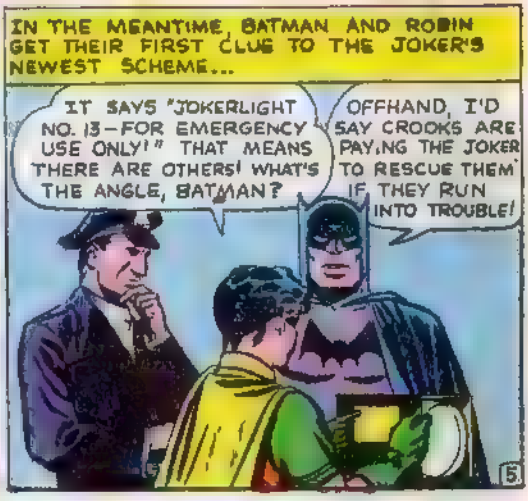

A YAWNING EXCAVATION BLOCKS THE ROAD — BUT THE JOKER'S THUNDERING CAR CATAPULTS STEEL TRACKS!
LOOK OUT, JOKER! WE'LL CRASH!
HA HA, HA! WATCH THE JOKERMOBILE BUILD ITS BRIDGES BEFORE IT CROSSES THEM!

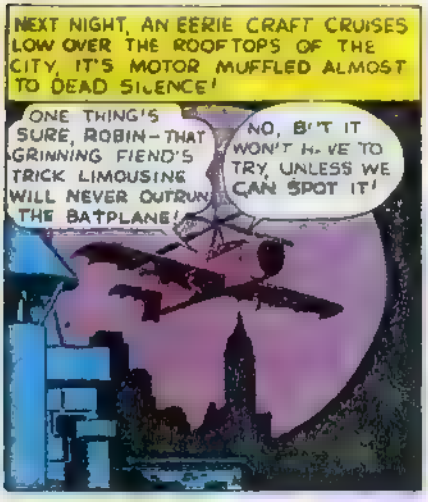

OH, OH! LOOKS AS IF HE'S GOT US STUMPED, ROBIN!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN THE JOKER WOULD HAVE A CAR THAT COULD PLAY TRICKS ON THE BAT-MOBILE!

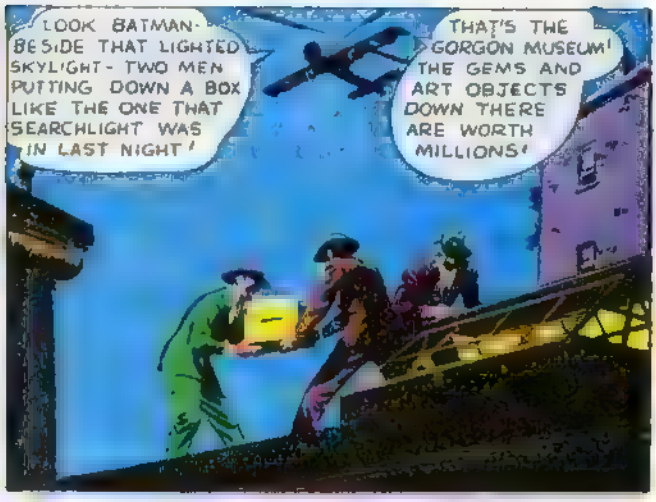

IN THE JOKER'S FOUR-WHEELED FORTRESS EQUIPPED WITH HOSPITAL FACILITIES....
HOW'S NEEDLES? I'LL CALL A RACKET DOCTOR WHEN WE GET BACK!
HE'S OKAY! THAT SLUG ONLY CREASED HIS SCALP!

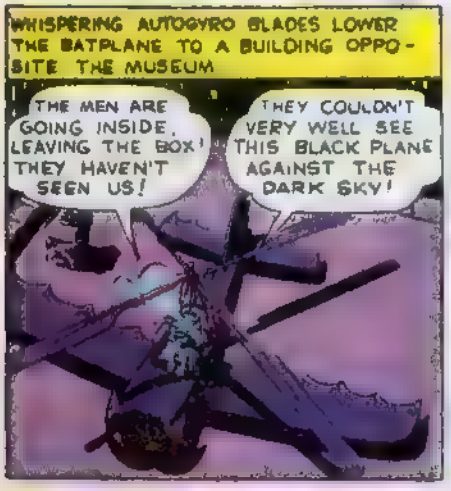

BACK IN THE FIREHOUSE —
NEEDLES CAN REST DOWN BELOW TILL HE FEELS BETTER! EVERYTHING HE'LL NEED IS DOWN THERE!
JEEPERS, JOKER— YOU'VE GOT THE PERFECT SET-UP! NOW WE GOT THEM JEWELS, HOW ABOUT FIXING US UP WITH ANOTHER SOFT TOUCH?

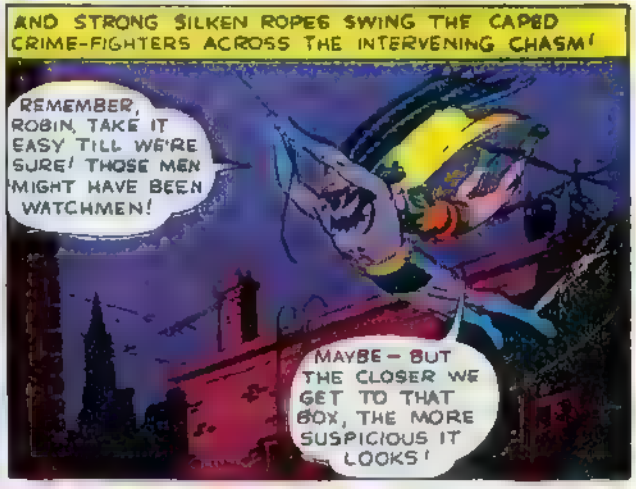

HOW ABOUT THE PRICELESS TREASURES IN THE P. J. GORGON MUSEUM, PETE? IT'LL BE LOCKED AND GUARDED— BUT THE SEWER TUNNEL WILL GET YOU IN!
I'VE DREAMED OF MAKING A HAUL LIKE THAT! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO STAND BY AGAIN, IN CASE WE GET SPOTTED!
PLANS OF GORGON MUSEUM
WALL
STAIRS TO CELLAR

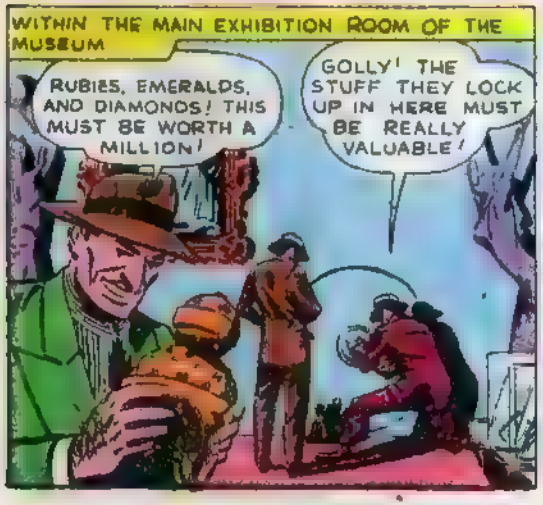

IN THE MEANTIME, BATMAN AND ROBIN GET THEIR FIRST CLUE TO THE JOKER'S NEWEST SCHEME...
IT SAYS "JOKERLIGHT NO. 13—FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY!" THAT MEANS THERE ARE OTHERS! WHAT'S THE ANGLE, BATMAN?
OFFHAND, I'D SAY CROOKS ARE PAYING THE JOKER TO RESCUE THEM IF THEY RUN INTO TROUBLE!

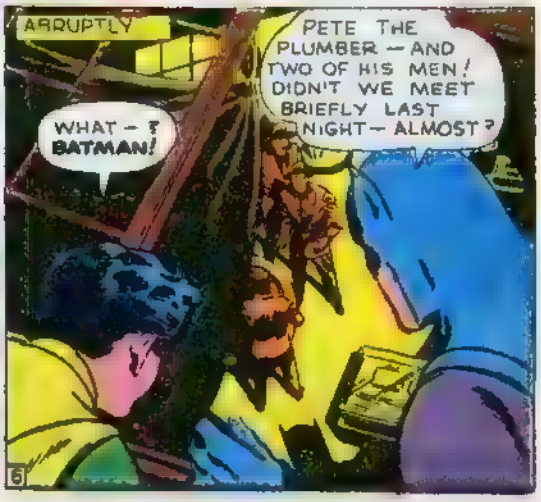

NEXT NIGHT, AN EERIE CRAFT CRUISES LOW OVER THE ROOFTOPS OF THE CITY, IT'S MOTOR MUFFLED ALMOST TO DEAD SILENCE!
ONE THING'S SURE, ROBIN—THAT GRINNING FIEND'S TRICK LIMOUSINE WILL NEVER OUTRUN THE BATPLANE!
NO, B'T IT WON'T H.VE TO TRY, UNLESS WE CAN SPOT IT!


LOOK BATMAN—BESIDE THAT LIGHTED SKYLIGHT—TWO MEN PUTTING DOWN A BOX LIKE THE ONE THAT SEARCHLIGHT WAS IN LAST NIGHT!
THAT'S THE GORGON MUSEUM! THE GEMS AND ART OBJECTS DOWN THERE ARE WORTH MILLIONS!


WHISPERING AUTOGYRO BLADES LOWER THE BATPLANE TO A BUILDING OPPOSITE THE MUSEUM
THE MEN ARE GOING INSIDE, LEAVING THE BOX! THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US!
THEY COULDN'T VERY WELL SEE THIS BLACK PLANE AGAINST THE DARK SKY!


AND STRONG SILKEN ROPES SWING THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS ACROSS THE INTERVENING CHASM!
REMEMBER, ROBIN, TAKE IT EASY TILL WE'RE SURE! THOSE MEN MIGHT HAVE BEEN WATCHMEN!
MAYBE—BUT THE CLOSER WE GET TO THAT BOX, THE MORE SUSPICIOUS IT LOOKS!


WITHIN THE MAIN EXHIBITION ROOM OF THE MUSEUM
RUBIES, EMERALDS, AND DIAMONDS! THIS MUST BE WORTH A MILLION!
GOLLY! THE STUFF THEY LOCK UP IN HERE MUST BE REALLY VALUABLE!


ABRUPTLY
WHAT—? BATMAN!
PETE THE PLUMBER—AND TWO OF HIS MEN! DIDN'T WE MEET BRIEFLY LAST NIGHT—ALMOST?
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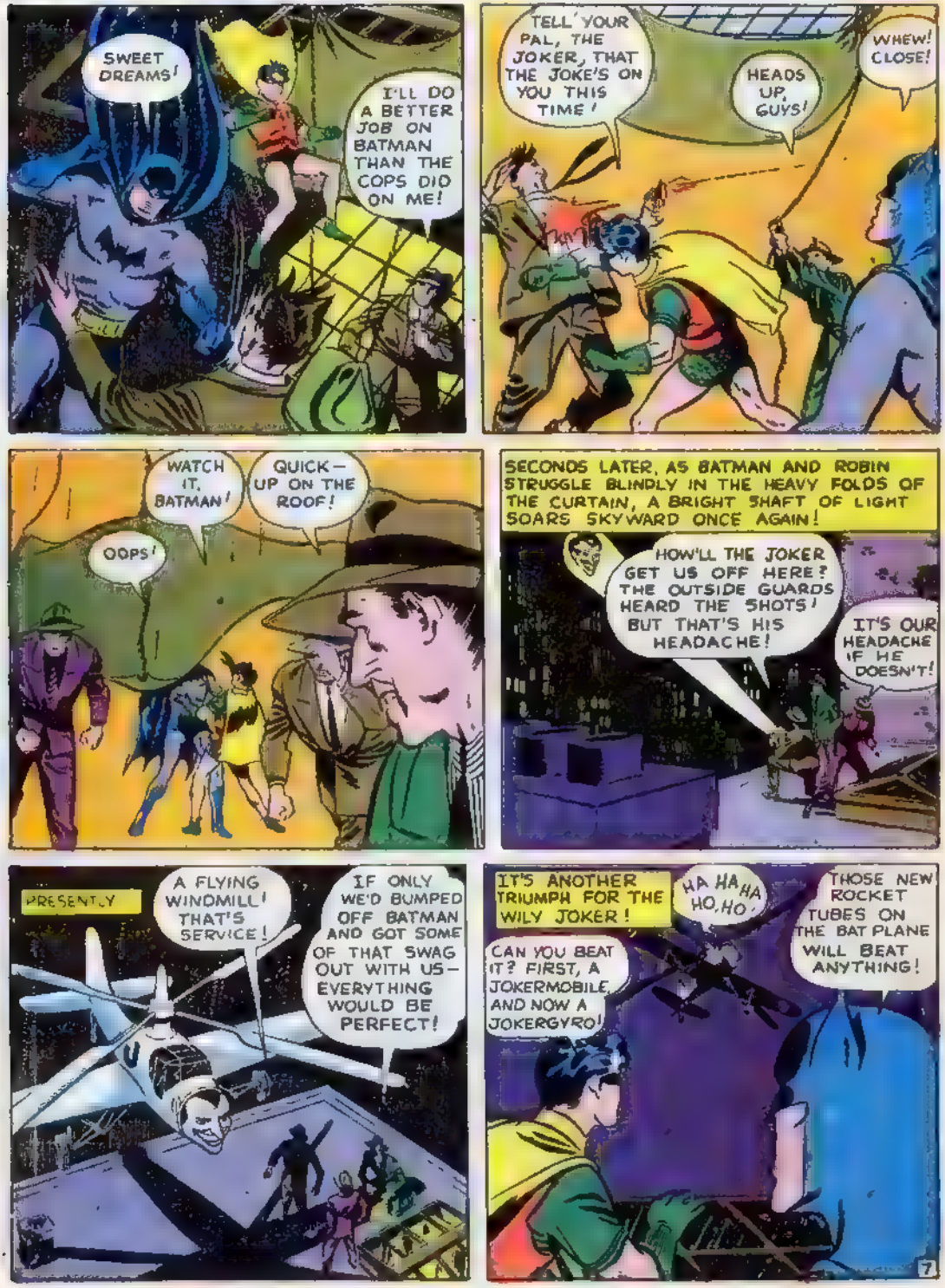
SWEET DREAMS!
I'LL DO A BETTER JOB ON BATMAN THAN THE COPS DID ON ME!
TELL YOUR PAL, THE JOKER, THAT THE JOKE'S ON YOU THIS TIME!
HEADS UP, GUYS!
WHEW! CLOSE!
WATCH IT, BATMAN!
QUICK— UP ON THE ROOF!
OOPS!
SECONDS LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN STRUGGLE BLINDLY IN THE HEAVY FOLDS OF THE CURTAIN, A BRIGHT SHAFT OF LIGHT SOARS SKYWARD ONCE AGAIN!
HOW'LL THE JOKER GET US OFF HERE? THE OUTSIDE GUARDS HEARD THE SHOTS! BUT THAT'S HIS HEADACHE!
IT'S OUR HEADACHE IF HE DOESN'T!
PRESENTLY
A FLYING WINDMILL! THAT'S SERVICE!
IF ONLY WE'D BUMPED OFF BATMAN AND GOT SOME OF THAT SWAG OUT WITH US— EVERYTHING WOULD BE PERFECT!
IT'S ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR THE WILY JOKER!
HA HA HA HO, HO!
THOSE NEW ROCKET TUBES ON THE BAT PLANE WILL BEAT ANYTHING!
CAN YOU BEAT IT? FIRST, A JOKERMOBILE, AND NOW A JOKERGYRO!
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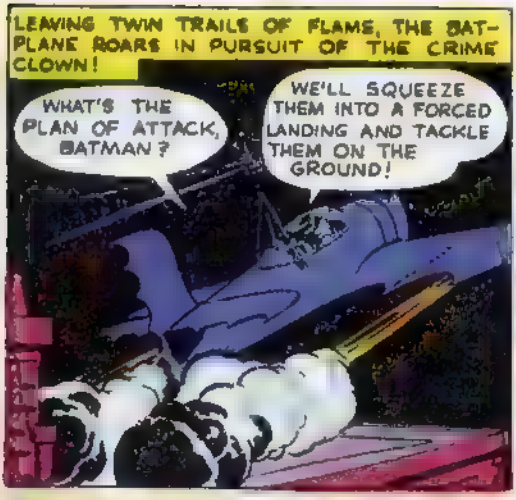
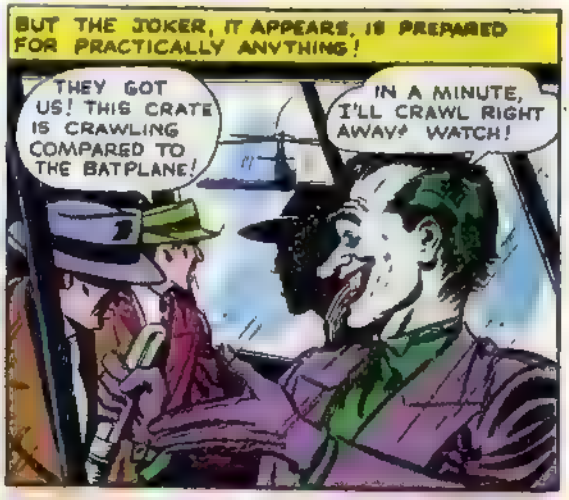
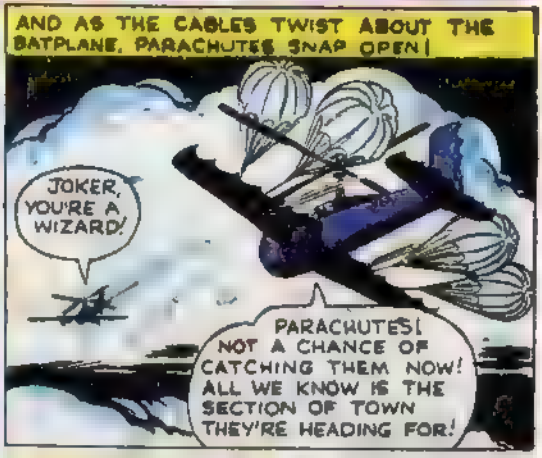

LEAVING TWIN TRAILS OF FLAME, THE BAT-PLANE ROARS IN PURSUIT OF THE CRIME CLOWN!
WHAT'S THE PLAN OF ATTACK, BATMAN?
WE'LL SQUEEZE THEM INTO A FORCED LANDING AND TACKLE THEM ON THE GROUND!


BUT THE JOKER, IT APPEARS, IS PREPARED FOR PRACTICALLY ANYTHING!
THEY GOT US! THIS CRATE IS CRAWLING COMPARED TO THE BATPLANE!
IN A MINUTE, I'LL CRAWL RIGHT AWAY! WATCH!

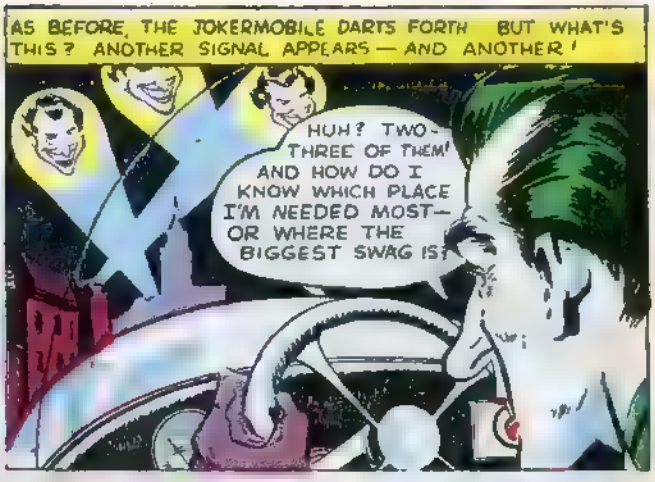
FROM OPENINGS IN THE SIDE OF THE JOKERGYRO MULTIPLE STRANDS OF CABLE WITH SILKEN PACKS AT THEIR ENDS WHIRL FORTH!
WHAT'S THIS - ?
HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!

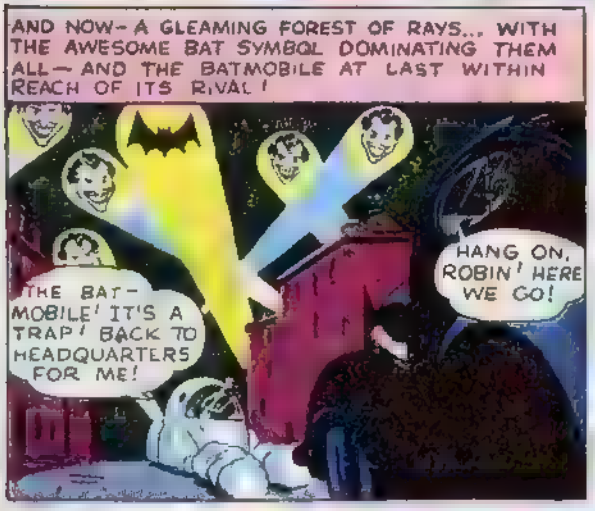

AND AS THE CABLES TWIST ABOUT THE BATPLANE, PARACHUTES SNAP OPEN!
JOKER, YOU'RE A WIZARD!
PARACHUTES! NOT A CHANCE OF CATCHING THEM NOW! ALL WE KNOW IS THE SECTION OF TOWN THEY'RE HEADING FOR!

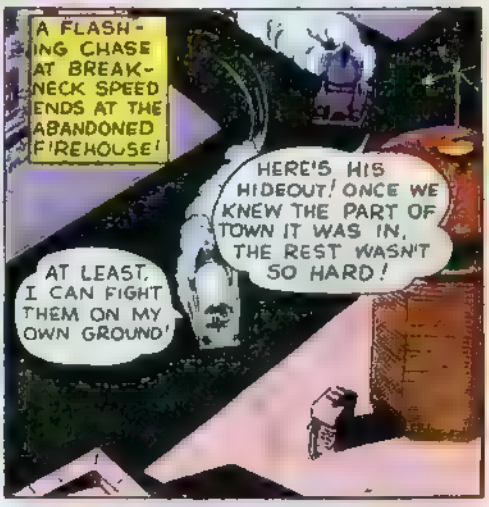
SO, EVEN THOUGH A CUNNINGLY PLANNED ROBBERY HAS BEEN FOILED, THE JOKER HAS THE LAST LAUGH AGAIN! AND LATER, IN THE HOME OF POLICE COM-
NOT INTRUDING, ARE WE COMMISSIONER?
I WAS SENDING OUT A CALL FOR YOU TWO!

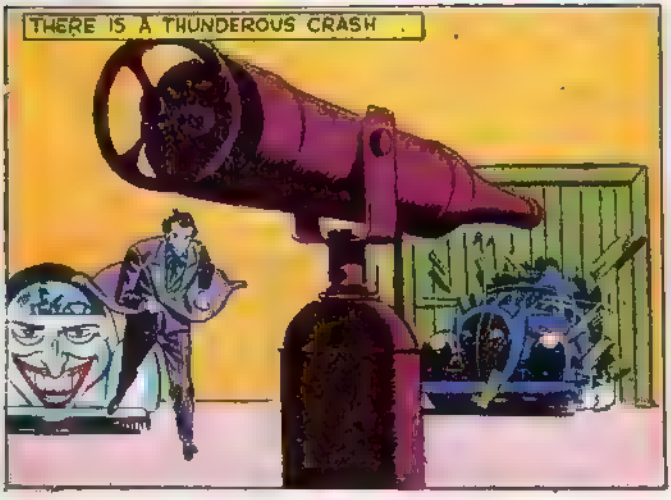
THE JOKER IS TURNING GOTHAM CITY INTO A THREE-RING CIRCUS! AND HE'S MAKING MONKEYS OF US! BUT WITH YOUR COOPERATION, ROBIN AND I HAVE A PLAN TO PUT HIM BEHIND BARS!

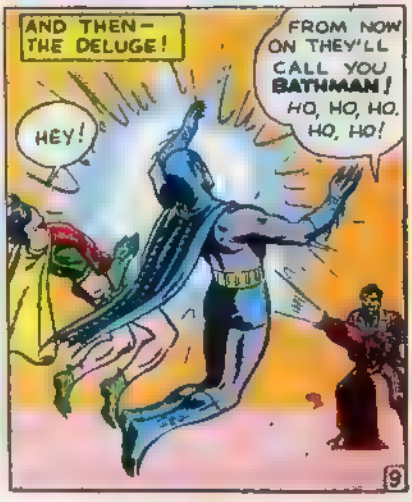
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT .
BUSINESS IS STARTING EARLY TONIGHT! HMMM . WONDER WHICH OF MY CLIENTS THAT IS ?


AS BEFORE, THE JOKERMOBILE DARTS FORTH BUT WHAT'S THIS ? ANOTHER SIGNAL APPEARS — AND ANOTHER !
HUH ? TWO - THREE OF THEM! AND HOW DO I KNOW WHICH PLACE I'M NEEDED MOST— OR WHERE THE BIGGEST SWAG IS!


AND NOW- A GLEAMING FOREST OF RAYS... WITH THE AWESOME BAT SYMBOL DOMINATING THEM ALL— AND THE BATMOBILE AT LAST WITHIN REACH OF ITS RIVAL !
THE BAT - MOBILE! IT'S A TRAP! BACK TO HEADQUARTERS FOR ME!
HANG ON, ROBIN! HERE WE GO!

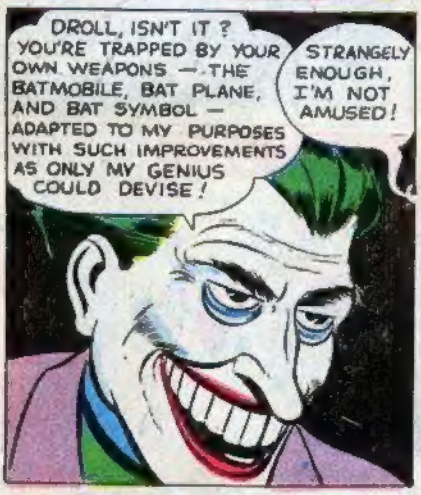

A FLASH - ING CHASE AT BREAK - NECK SPEED ENDS AT THE ABANDONED FIREHOUSE!
HERE'S HIS HIDEOUT! ONCE WE KNEW THE PART OF TOWN IT WAS IN, THE REST WASN'T SO HARD!
AT LEAST, I CAN FIGHT THEM ON MY OWN GROUND!


THERE IS A THUNDEROUS CRASH .


AND THEN— THE DELUGE!
HEY!
FROM NOW ON THEY'LL CALL YOU BATHMAN! HO, HO, HO. HO, HO!

BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS BY THE BRUTAL FORCE OF THE HIGH-PRESSURE STREAM, BATMAN AND ROBIN BECOME EASY PREY FOR THE MIRTHFUL MOUNTEBANK....
NOW FOR THE FUNNIEST EPISODE OF MY CAREER! I TRUST THE BATMAN'S SENSE OF HUMOR WON'T FAIL HIM IN THE CRISIS!

WHEN THEY AWAKE, IT IS TO THE SCREECHING OF DEMONIACAL LAUGHTER!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED? .... MY RIBS!...
HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA! OH-H-H — HO, HO, HO, HO, HO!


DROLL, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE TRAPPED BY YOUR OWN WEAPONS — THE BATMOBILE, BAT PLANE, AND BAT SYMBOL — ADAPTED TO MY PURPOSES WITH SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AS ONLY MY GENIUS COULD DEVISE!
STRANGELY ENOUGH, I'M NOT AMUSED!

YOU FIEND!
AND NOW, WHILE I LEAVE YOU, TEMPORARILY, HOW ABOUT PARTAKING OF SOME MORE LIQUID REFRESHMENT? HA, HA, HA, HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

I'M SURE YOU WON'T MIND IF I BORROW YOUR BATMOBILE TO INVESTIGATE THOSE JOKER SYMBOLS, SOME OF WHICH MAY BE GENUINE! IT SHOULD MAKE THE POLICE GIVE ME THE RIGHT OF WAY!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!

LEFT SHIVERING IN THE ICY TORRENT, THE DYNAMIC DUO CASTS ABOUT DESPERATELY FOR A MEANS OF ESCAPE!
IF ONLY WE COULD PRY THE BARS LOOSE! BUT WE HAVE NOTHING BUT THIS STICK — AND IT WON'T DO!
GIVE IT TO ME, ROBIN! MAYBE IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED!

AN ARGOSY OF HOPE, THE BIT OF WOOD FLOATS OUT ON THE MINIATURE RIVER THAT GUSHES FROM THE CAGE BEARING THE END OF THE BATMAN'S SILKEN ROPE....

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT PLAYING KID GAMES, BATMAN, BUT WHAT-?

DON'T TALK, JUST HOLD YOUR BREATH—AND HOPE!

AND NOW THE ROPE IS USED TO PULL THE IMPRISONED PAIR CLOSER TO THE SOURCE OF THE TERRIFIC WATER PUNISHMENT!

THE NEARER WE COME TO THE NOZZLE, THE WORSE IT GETS!

STICK IT OUT, FELLA! IT WON'T BE LONG IF MY PLAN WORKS!

IF YOU'RE HOPING IT WILL SMASH THE BACK OF THE BOX—

I'M NOT! GRAB HOLD OF IT—AND PULL!

GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT! IT'S THE BEST LEVER WE'LL GET OUR HANDS ON!

IT'S WORKING! ONE OF THE BARS IS LOOSE ALREADY!

SO, DRENCHED AND CHILLED — BUT MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER— THE HEROES RACE INTO ACTION ONCE MORE!

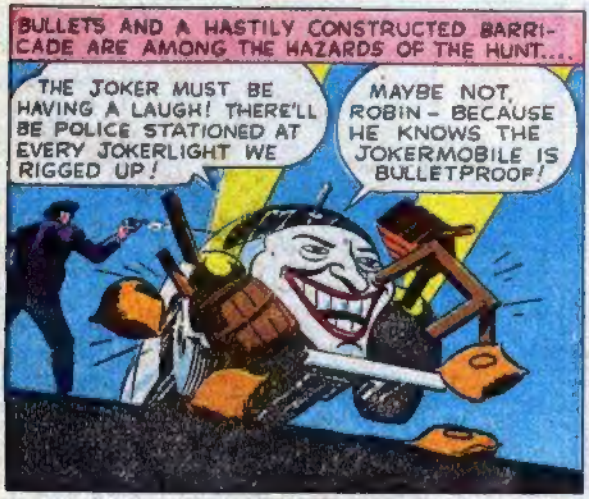
HEY! DON'T TELL ME WE'RE GOING TO RIDE IN THAT THING!

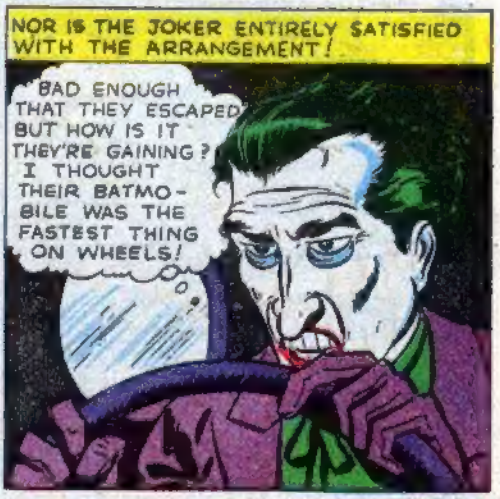
YOU CAN WALK IF YOU WANT! IT JUST HAPPENS THAT I'M IN A HURRY!

HEADING AT TOP SPEED FOR THE NEAREST OF THE JOKER SYMBOLS, BATMAN AND ROBIN QUICKLY SIGHT THEIR QUARRY— AND TROUBLE IN AN UNACCUSTOMED SHAPE!

NO SIGN OF THE JOKER YET, BATMAN! HOPE YOU FIND HIM!

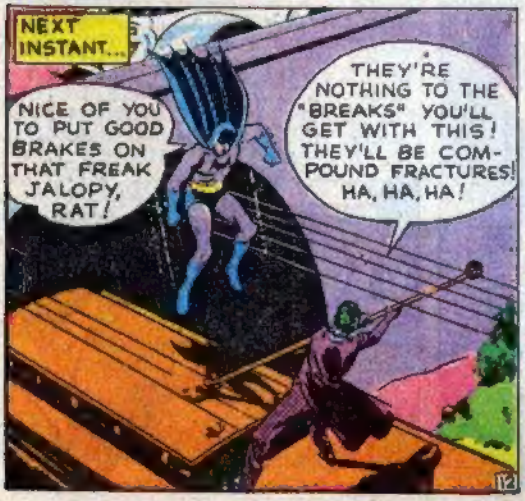
LOOK!


BULLETS AND A HASTILY CONSTRUCTED BARRICADE ARE AMONG THE HAZARDS OF THE HUNT....
THE JOKER MUST BE HAVING A LAUGH! THERE'LL BE POLICE STATIONED AT EVERY JOKERLIGHT WE RIGGED UP!
MAYBE NOT, ROBIN - BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE JOKERMOBILE IS BULLETPROOF!


NOR IS THE JOKER ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT!
BAD ENOUGH THAT THEY ESCAPED BUT HOW IS IT THEY'RE GAINING? I THOUGHT THEIR BATMOBILE WAS THE FASTEST THING ON WHEELS!

CAN'T FIND THE SECRET THROTTLE FOR HIGH-SPEED TRAVELING, EH, JOKER? LET ME HELP YOU!
DON'T TRY TO BE HUMOROUS WITH ME, BRAT! YOU'RE DEALING WITH A PAST MASTER!

YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET LEFT AT THE POST - IF YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN! HA, HA, HA!
GOT TO GRAB THE WHEEL FAST OR THE BATMOBILE WILL PILE UP!


NEXT INSTANT...
NICE OF YOU TO PUT GOOD BRAKES ON THAT FREAK JALOPY, RAT!
THEY'RE NOTHING TO THE "BREAKS" YOU'LL GET WITH THIS! THEY'LL BE COMPOUND FRACTURES! HA, HA, HA!
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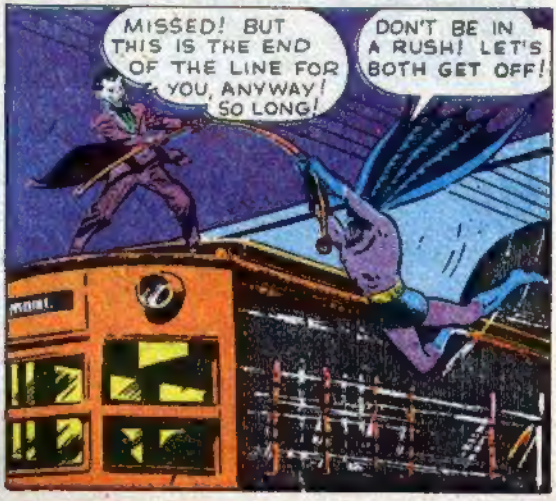
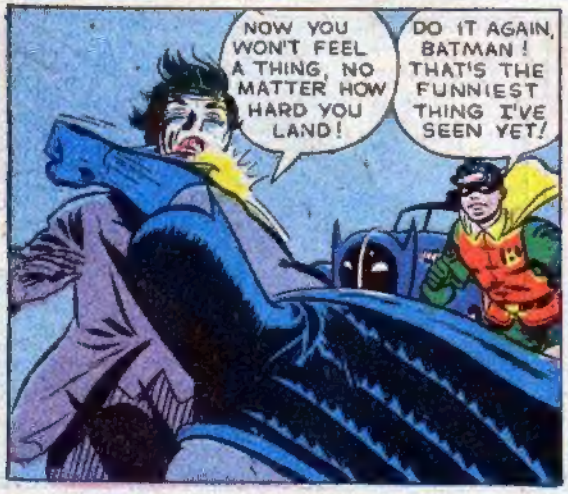

MISSED! BUT THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU, ANYWAY! SO LONG!
DON'T BE IN A RUSH! LET'S BOTH GET OFF!

OW-W!
WATCH YOUR STEP!

HELP! I'LL BE HURT!
I WOULDN'T WANT A THING LIKE THAT TO HAPPEN TO YOU!


NOW YOU WON'T FEEL A THING, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU LAND!
DO IT AGAIN, BATMAN! THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE SEEN YET!

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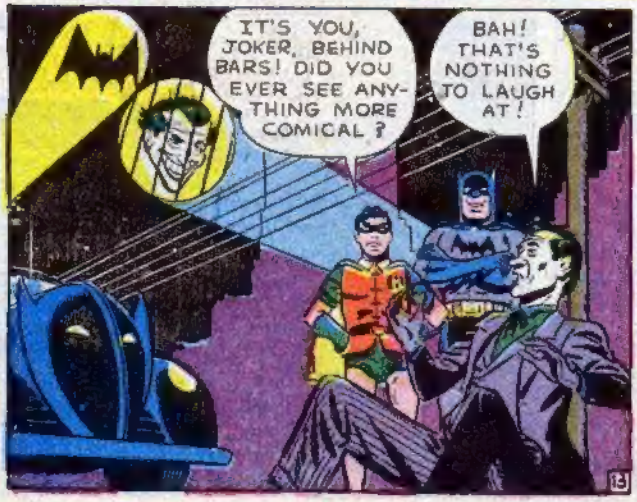
H-HUH?..


IT'S YOU, JOKER, BEHIND BARS! DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING MORE COMICAL?
BAH! THAT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH AT!

NEXT DAY AT THE BRUCE WAYNE HOME.
THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP HIM THERE FOR GOOD THIS TIME, BRUCE?
WHO KNOWS, DICK? ALL I'M SURE OF IS, IF THEY CAN'T, BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO TANGLE WITH HIM AGAIN!
JOKER BACK IN JAIL!
VOWS REVENGE ON BATMAN!
THE END